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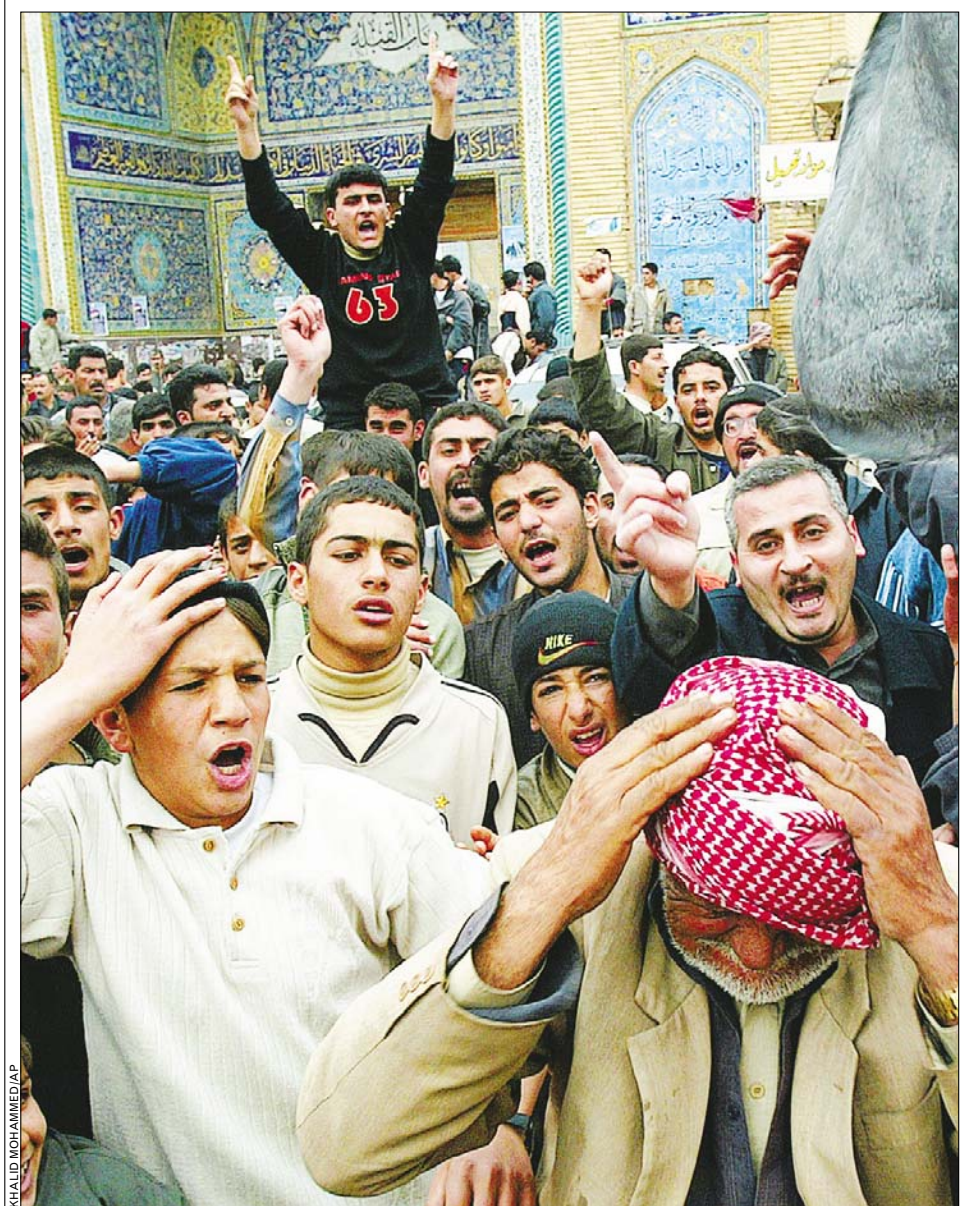

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OUTRAGE: Iraqis rally at the ruins of the Askariya shrine Wednesday. Shiites across Iraq were enraged after a blast destroyed the shrine, one of their holiest sites. ✣ **Turning point:** From bad to worse | **Page 6**

Sectarian Violence Roils Iraq

Reprisals after mosque blast raise new fears of civil war

SAMARRA, IRAQ | Insurgents posing as police destroyed the golden dome of one of Iraq's holiest Shiite shrines Wednesday, setting off an unprecedented spasm of sectarian violence. Angry crowds thronged the streets, militiamen attacked Sunni mosques, and at least 19 people were killed.

With the gleaming dome of the 1,200-year-old Askariya shrine reduced to rubble, some Shiites lashed out at the U.S. as partly to blame.

The violence seemed to push Iraq closer to all-out civil war than at any point in the three years since the U.S.-led overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

No one was reported injured in the bombing of the shrine in Samarra. But at least 19 people, including three Sunni clerics, were killed in the reprisal attacks that followed. In predominantly Shiite Basra, police said militiamen broke into a prison, hauled out 12 inmates and shot them dead in reprisal for the shrine attack.

"We are facing a major conspiracy that is targeting Iraq's unity," said President Jalal Talabani. "We should all stand hand in hand to prevent the danger of a civil war." (AP)

BOY TOYS | **The Polls Clothed** Deciding what to wear each morning can be time-consuming. But not anymore, at least for one man. Kevin McCormick has left choosing his daily wardrobe up to visitors to his Web site, DressKevin.com, WSOC-TV

reported. Those who log on browse photos of almost every item of clothing he owns — all the way down to his socks — and then vote on what he should wear the next day. McCormick said most participants are female. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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PERFUMES

Every Victim Alive Wants Chanel No. 5

A Japanese man arrested for alleged burglary picked his victims by sniffing women's homes for expensive perfume, police said Wednesday. Seiichi Shirota sniffed at the doors of potential targets for expensive perfume to determine if the occupant was a single woman likely to own a collection of expensive designer bags, watches and jewelry, according to police. The suspect was arrested on Dec. 23 for allegedly stealing three rings worth about $2,500 after breaking into a woman's apartment in Yokohama, officials said. Shirota told police he relied on his smelling abilities to target apartments of single women. (AP)

ORPHANS

Playing Possum Parent

A Parkersburg, W.Va., woman has been told by state officials to stop rescuing orphaned baby opossums because possessing wildlife is illegal. Authorities are not pleased with Sarah Stapp's efforts to save baby opossums that had lost their mothers; she cared for the animals until they were about 50 days old, then returned them to the wild. Stapp has kept several opossums as pets because they couldn't survive in the wild; she obtained special pet permits for them. West Virginia does not allow wildlife rehabilitation, except at two licensed facilities that only take certain species. Rehabilitation is not allowed because of concerns about disease. (AP)

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Teens Plead Not Guilty in Attacks on Homeless Men

Three teenagers accused in a series of brutal beatings that killed a homeless man and seriously injured two others the same night pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of murder and attempted murder. Brian Hooks and William Ammons, both 18, and 17-year-old Thomas Daugherty were indicted earlier this month on murder charges in the killing of 45-year-old Norris Gaynor and attempted murder in the beatings of Raymond Perez and Jacques Pierre. (AP)

PIERRE, S.D.

State Senate Passes Measure Banning Most Abortions

Legislation meant to prompt a national legal battle targeting Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, was approved Wednesday by the South Dakota Senate, moving the bill a step closer to final passage. The measure, which would ban nearly all abortions in the state, now returns to the House, which passed a different version earlier. (AP)

Post-Katrina Sludge

➜ A new study shows floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina deposited arsenic, lead and petrochemical compounds across greater New Orleans | **Today, A Section**

IN The Washington Post

Bush Was Unaware of Port Leases

White House says president was told of deal after its approval

WASHINGTON | President Bush was unaware of the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates until the deal already had been approved by his administration, the White House said Wednesday.

Defending the deal anew, the administration also said that it should have briefed Congress sooner about the transaction, which has triggered a major political backlash among both Republicans and Democrats.

Bush on Tuesday brushed aside objections by leaders in the Senate and House that the $6.8 billion sale could raise risks of terrorism at American ports. In a forceful defense of his administration's earlier approval of the deal, he pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement involving the sale of a British company to the Arab firm.

BILL HABER/AP

New Orleans' port is one of six that could be leased to a company based in the UAE.

Dubai Port's top American executive, chief operating officer Edward H. Bilkey, said the company will do whatever the administration asks to enhance shipping security and ensure the sale goes through. Bilkey said Wednesday he will work in Washington to persuade skeptical lawmakers they should endorse the deal. At least two Senate oversight hearings already are scheduled.

"Bush faces a rebellion from leaders of his own party, as well as from Democrats, about the deal that would put Dubai Ports in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

While Bush has adamantly defended the deal, the White House acknowledged that he did not know about it until recently.

"He became aware of it over the last several days," McClellan said. Asked if Bush did not know about it until it was a done deal, McClellan said, "That's correct." He said the matter did not rise to the presidential level, but went through a congressionally-mandated review process and was determined not to pose a national security threat. TED BRIDIS (AP)

Calif. Executions Halted Indefinitely

SAN FRANCISCO | The state's postponement of an execution because no medical professional would take part amounts to a moratorium on capital punishment in California, home to the nation's largest death row, and could have implications for other states that use lethal injection.

Michael Morales, 46, was scheduled to die Tuesday by injection for torturing, raping and murdering a 17-year-old girl 25 years ago.

But officials at San Quentin State Prison could not meet the demands of a federal judge who ordered licensed medical personnel to take part in the execution. Because of ethical considerations, there were no takers, and the execution was called off.

The reprieve meant California, with 650 condemned inmates, awoke Wednesday to what effectively was a moratorium on executions. DAVID KRAVETS (AP)

Texas Jury to Decide Mother's Fate

MCKINNEY, TEXAS | Jurors began deliberations Wednesday in the murder trial of a woman who cut off her baby daughter's arms.

Dena Schlosser, 37, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. The defense wants her committed to a state mental hospital but prosecutors are seeking a life sentence and urged the jury Wednesday to hold her accountable.

Police found Schlosser soaked in blood, holding a knife and listening to a hymn while 10-month-old Margaret lay dying in her crib in 2004.

Schlosser

Defense attorney Bill Schultz said the case comes down to whether Schlosser was aware the attack was wrong. Psychiatrists had testified that she didn't know right from wrong at the time. (AP)

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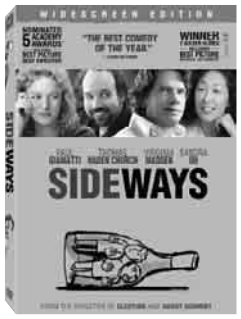

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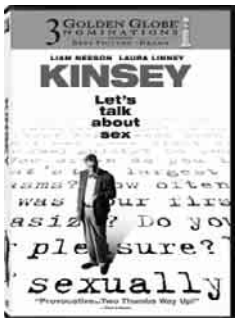

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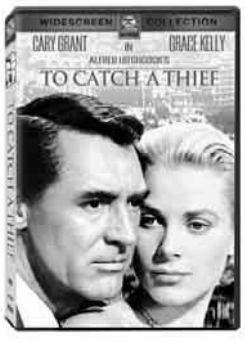

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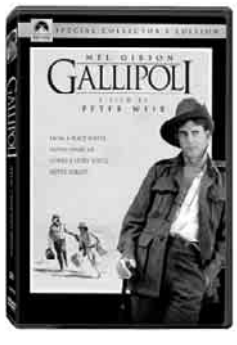

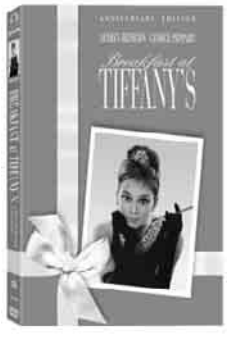

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N.Y. Man Sick After Anthrax Exposure

Officials say disease likely contracted from raw animal hides

NEW YORK | A New York City drum maker has been hospitalized with a case of inhaled anthrax that officials say he may have contracted from the raw animal hides that he imports from Africa.

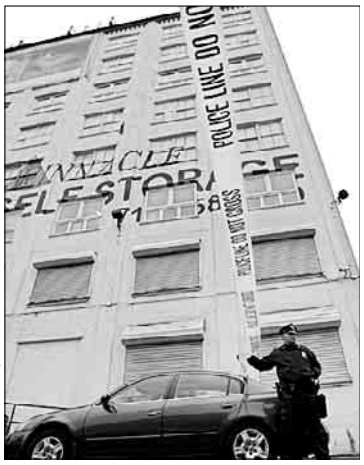
Authorities said Wednesday the infection appeared to be accidental — not terrorism — and did not pose a serious public health threat.

Vado Diomande, 44, had traveled recently to the west coast of Africa and fell ill last week after he returned to this country with some hides, authorities said.

It was not exactly clear how Diomande came into contact with the deadly substance, or whether it happened in Africa or in this country. City officials said it was related to his job making drums from animal skins.

At least four other people may have been exposed to anthrax spores, including a family member of the infected man who worked with the hides, and three were being treated with antibiotics, city Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said.

"Every indication suggests that this is naturally occurring anthrax," Frieden said. SARA KUGLER (AP)



DIMA GAVRYSH/AP

Police seal off a workspace used by a N.Y. man who has contracted anthrax.

Former Priest Guilty in Child Molestation Case

LOS ANGELES | A retired priest who admitted molesting 13 boys in the 1970s and '80s but claimed he never did so again was convicted Wednesday of abusing a child in the 1990s.

The jury was unable to reach verdicts on four other counts against the Rev. Michael Wempe, so a mistrial was declared on those allegations.

Wempe, 66, could get up to three years in prison on the single count. The sentencing was put off until prosecutors can decide whether to seek a retrial.

The brother of two of Wempe's earlier victims said the priest abused him from 1990 to 1995. (AP)

NICK UT/AP

Former priest Michael Wempe reacts as jurors deliver verdicts on Wednesday.

WHO KNEW? A tiny worm that lives in glaciers and snowfields is drawing attention for what it could reveal about life on other planets. Found in North American glacial regions, ice worms are liveliest near the freezing point of water and dissolve into goo when warmed, which could also one day help improve cold storage methods for organs and tissues for transplantation. (AP)

47% | **The percentage** of Americans who are confident in the government's disaster preparedness — down from 56 percent in the days after Hurricane Katrina struck.

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BILL WOLF/AP

$365M IS ENOUGH: The eight Powerball winners hold up checks Wednesday. Each actually took home $15.5 million after taxes.

8 Co-Workers Hit Jackpot

Neb. meatpackers to share record $365M powerball winnings

LINCOLN, NEB. | Eight workers at a Nebraska meatpacking plant are really bringing home the bacon now: They stepped forward Wednesday to claim the biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history — $365 million.

The seven men and one woman bought the winning Powerball ticket at a convenience store near the ConAgra ham processing plant where they worked. At least three of the winners are immigrants — two from Vietnam and one from the Congo.

"This is great country!" said Quang Dao, 56, who came to the United States in 1988. He still has family in Vietnam and said he plans to help them with his winnings.

The previous U.S. jackpot record was $363 million, won by two ticketholders in Illinois and Michigan in 2000.

The Nebraska workers had the option of taking the money in one lump sum or 30 annual installments. They chose the lump sum and will get $15.5 million each after taxes.

Three of the group quit their jobs when they hit the jackpot.

KEVIN O'HANLON (AP)

White House to Issue Its Own Katrina Report

Review lists 125 ways to improve government's response to disasters

WASHINGTON | A White House assessment of the sluggish federal reaction to Hurricane Katrina concludes the Pentagon should oversee future catastrophe responses but does not recommend that Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff be fired, officials said Wednesday.

The beleaguered Federal Emergency Management Agency would remain at the Homeland Security Department under a "lessons learned" White House review to be released Thursday, according to one official.

The report, by White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos Townsend, was expected to be less scathing than a House report issued last week.

The House review blamed all levels of government for indifference toward disaster preparations that contributed to deaths and suffering in Katrina's aftermath.

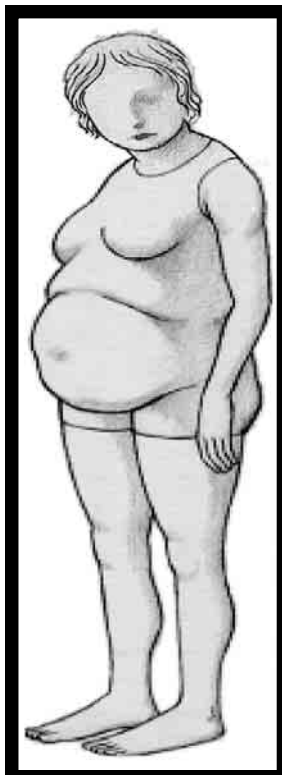
The review offers solutions to only some of the government's shortfalls, according to a senior administration official familiar with a draft of the 125 recommendations. (AP)

Teen Girl Found Guilty in Death Of Classmate

DIXON, ILL. | A teenage girl was convicted Wednesday in the killing of a 16-year-old classmate who was choked, beaten and sawed into pieces after an argument over boys. Sarah Kolb, 17, faces up to 60 years in prison.

Kolb

On Jan. 21, 2005, Kolb, victim Adrianne Reynolds and schoolmate Cory Gregory were in Kolb's car at a fast-food restaurant when the fight began. Reynolds was killed and her body was burned, dismembered and hidden in two counties. (AP)



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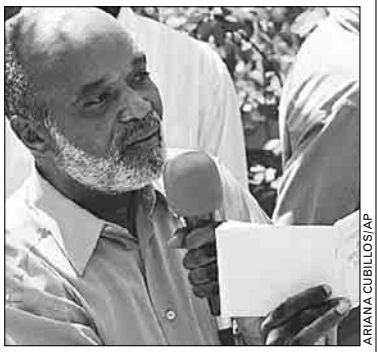
In Brief

VATICAN CITY

Two Americans Among New Cardinals Named by Pope

Pope Benedict XVI named 15 new cardinals Wednesday, including John Paul II's longtime private secretary and prelates from Boston and Hong Kong, adding his first installment to the elite group of churchmen who will elect his successor. Two Americans were named — Benedict's successor at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Archbishop William Levada, and Boston Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley. (AP)



ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP

President-elect Rene Preval holds a copy of Haiti's constitution Wednesday.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

Preval Says Constitution Allows for Aristide's Return

Haiti's president-elect said Wednesday that the nations' constitution permits the return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, but Rene Preval declined to say whether he would welcome home his exiled former mentor. Preval, a 63-year-old agronomist, said Aristide could not be barred from returning to the volatile Caribbean nation two years after he was toppled in a bloody revolt. (AP)

SAN JUAN DE SABINAS, MEXICO

Official: Rescuers Closer To Reaching Trapped Miners

Three days of backbreaking labor brought rescuers close to the site where the first two of 65 trapped coal miners are believed to be, a federal official said Wednesday. The employees' condition — dead or alive — could provide a clue to the fate of remaining workers trapped deeper inside the Pasta de Conchos mine, federal Labor Secretary Francisco Salazar said. (AP)

Iraq Blast May Prove Turning Point

Analysis: Attack on Shiite shrine a tough blow to U.S. strategy

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | The bombs that ripped through a Shiite shrine Wednesday also delivered a severe blow to U.S. efforts to keep Iraq from careening toward civil war — and perhaps to U.S. hopes for a smooth exit from the country.

For millions of Shiites, the bombing will serve as proof that even though they now run Iraq, they are a community at risk. In the bombing aftermath, they lashed out not just at those who carried it out, but also against the Americans for trying to rein in the Shiite community's armed militias.

Their anger raises the likelihood that Shiite religious parties will harden their positions and reject U.S. demands to curb militias and compromise — concessions needed to form a new government with Sunni Arabs.

Even before the bombing, the talks among Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds on a new government had not been going well. Now the attack on the shrine and the wave of reprisal attacks against Sunni mosques will further poison the atmosphere.

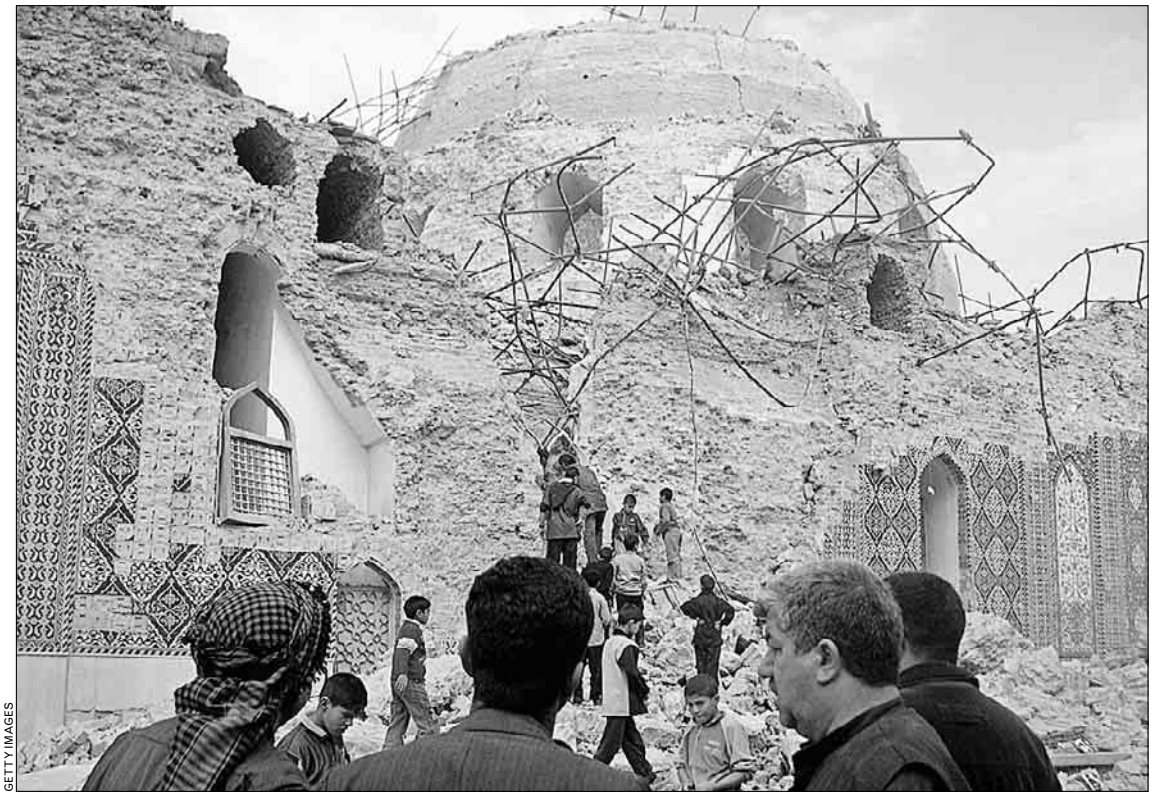
Afterward, even voices of Shiite moderation, such as Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, spoke of the need for Shiite Muslims to defend themselves — with armed, religious militias — if the Americans and Iraqi government cannot.

Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the country's most powerful Shiite politician, was even more direct. He insisted that U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad shared responsibility for the shrine attack — because he had threatened this week to cut off support for Iraqi institutions if they remain in the hands of sectarian groups tied to militias.

To win over the Sunnis, Khalilzad has pressed the Shiites to abolish the militias and place security forces in the hands of people without sectarian ties.

But Shiite anger at that stance is now clear — and clearly inflamed by the shrine bombing.

"For sure the statements made by the ambassador were not made in a responsible way," al-Hakim told reporters. "These statements ... gave the green light to terrorist groups." ROBERT H. REID (AP)



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HOLY GROUND: Iraqis view the wreckage of the golden dome of the 1,200 year old Askariya shrine in Samarra on Wednesday.

In turmoil: Washington Post Baghdad bureau chief Ellen Knickmeyer takes questions on the latest violence to rack Iraq | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 11 a.m.**

Saudis Deny U.S. On Aid to Hamas

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | Saudi Arabia on Wednesday became the second Arab ally in as many days to reject the U.S. strategy of financially isolating Hamas if the militant group does not moderate its policies as leader of the Palestinians.

As Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice sat nearby, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal expressed his country's position on the matter.

A day earlier, Rice had stood by as Saud's Egyptian counterpart said it was premature to cut off aid to a Hamas-led government. (AP)

Bold British Robbery Nets $43.5M

LONDON | Armed robbers impersonating police officers stole some 25 million pounds, the equivalent of $43.5 million, from a security company south of London early Wednesday in one of the largest robberies in British history, the Bank of England said.

Police said no one was reported injured in the sophisticated operation, which involved two teams of thieves who held the manager of the company and his family captive while they hauled away the banknotes from the cash depot.

Original estimates indicated $1.7 million was stolen, but by Wednesday evening, the estimate had risen and authorities said it was one of the country's biggest robberies.

The total stolen could rise above 25 million pounds, the central bank's spokesman said, but the final figure will not be known until the security company completes its accounting. He spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

Securitas Cash Management Ltd. was storing the cashnotes for the Bank of England, a bank spokesman said.

The thieves tied up 15 employees at the depot and got to work loading cash into a white truck. It's believed the thieves were in the depot for more than an hour, before driving off in the truck with the cash and disappearing, police said. (AP)

GARETH FULLER/PA/AP

Police at the scene of the brazen heist of a security company south of London.

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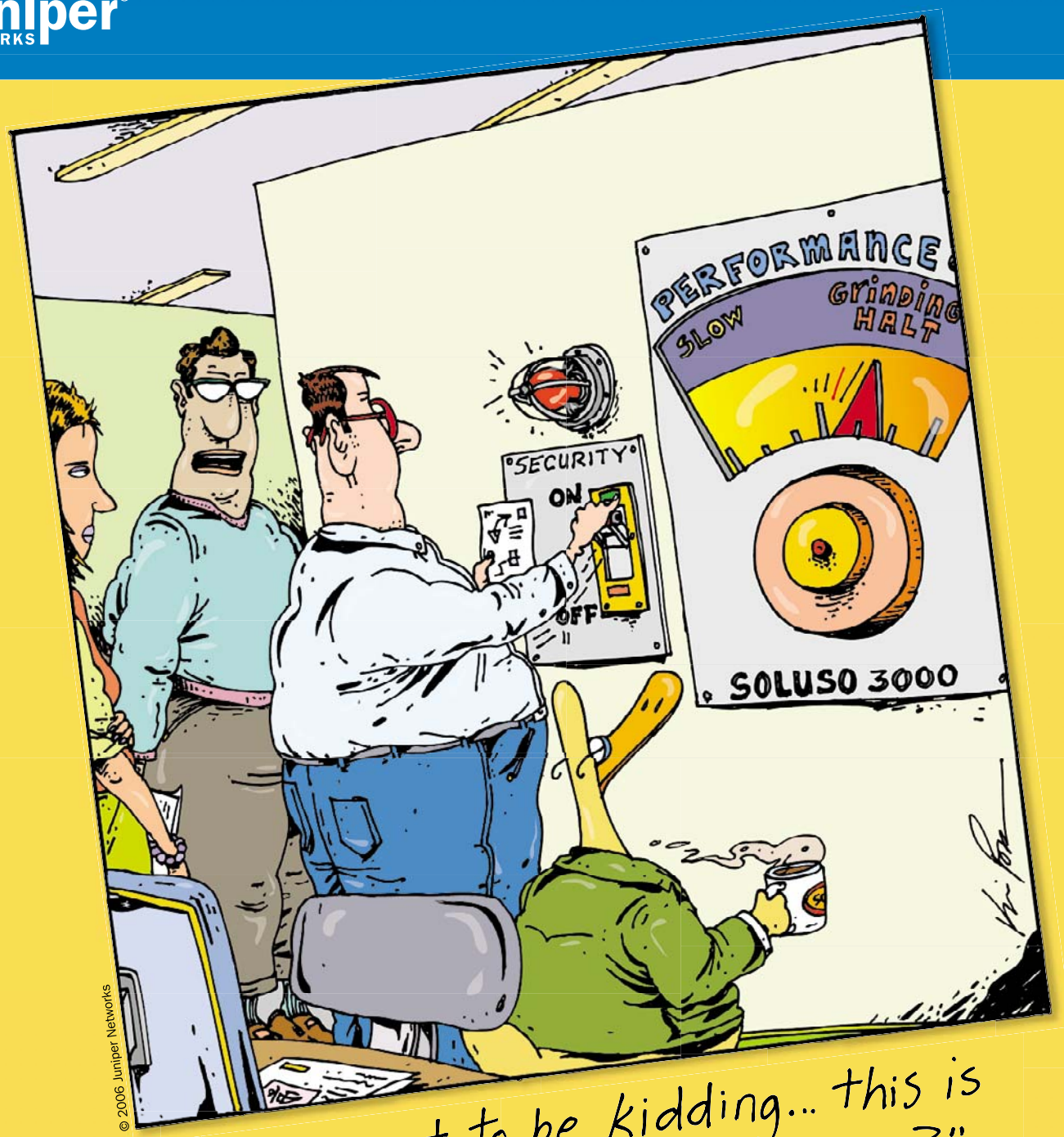

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World

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A Nigerian policeman gestures to a group of Christians in Onitsha as the bodies of victims of religious violence in the restive southern city lay nearby on Wednesday.

Death Toll Hits 93 In Nigeria Rioting

Christian-Muslim mob clashes tied to cartoon furor continue

LAGOS, NIGERIA | Bodies littered the streets of the southern Nigerian city of Onitsha on Wednesday as the death toll from days of Christian-Muslim violence across this volatile West African nation rose to at least 93.

The sectarian violence was sparked by deadly weekend protests against newspaper caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad.

"I've counted more than 20 people killed today," Onitsha resident Isotonu Achor said after gangs of rioters armed with machetes and shotguns poured through the mainly Christian city. "Major streets are littered with bodies of people killed today, most of them northerners."

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country with more than 130 million people, is roughly divided between a predominantly Muslim north and a mainly Christian south. Thousands of people have died in religious violence since 2000.

In Onitsha, residents said soldiers fired on a mob of ethnic Igbo Christians that tried to enter the military barracks after reports that ethnic Hausa Muslims sheltering in the barracks had attacked a nearby primary school.

The claims could not be verified, and it was unclear if the soldiers killed anyone in the mob.

The deaths brought to at least 93 the number of people killed in Nigeria since Saturday, when fighting first erupted in the northern city of Maiduguri over the caricatures. That clash razed 30 churches and claimed the lives of 18 people, mostly Christians.

Similar violence followed Monday and Tuesday in the northern city of Bauchi. DULUE MBACHU (AP)

Mixed Reports Of Mladic's Status

BELGRADE, SERBIA-MONTENEGRO | Serb security officials insisted Wednesday talks were under way for the surrender of top war crimes suspect Gen. Ratko Mladic, despite denials by the government and the chief U.N. war crimes prosecutor.

Mladic is wanted on genocide charges for allegedly orchestrating the massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys from Srebrenica in 1995 and for other crimes during Bosnia's 1992-95 war.

U.N. war crimes prosecutor Carla Del Ponte said in The Hague that Mladic was in Serbia "within reach" of authorities, but "remains at large." (AP)

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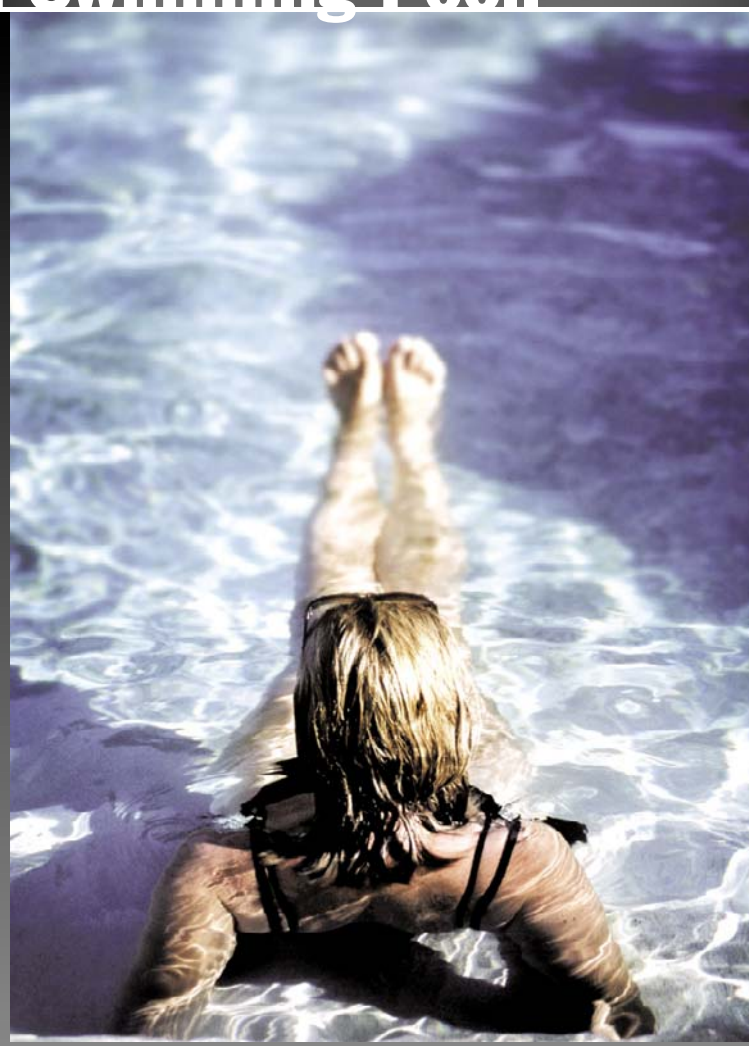

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Money

STEEPING IN: It's tea time for fans of legendary Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia. The first batch of J. Garcia Artisan Teas are expected to make their debut at tea shops and gourmet food stores next week, said a spokeswoman for The Republic of Tea.

Fox Plans to Launch Mini-Network

10 stations left bereft of UPN programming will get serial dramas

NEW YORK | News Corp. announced Wednesday it would launch a new mini-network called My Network TV that will supply prime-time shows for the 10 local TV stations the company owns that were left without programming after UPN announced that it would close.

The new lineup will be centered around two serial dramas that will air six days a week with 13-week story lines, similar to the soap opera-esque "telenovela" format that has been a big success on Spanish-language networks like Univision.

The two shows, called "Desire" and "Secrets," will be one hour each, airing Monday through Saturday. Other daily, serialized shows are also in the works, including a quiz show and a reality show called "Celebrity Love Island."

The new lineup will launch on Sept. 5 on stations in major cities including Washington, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas with initial coverage of 24 percent of the U.S., News Corp. said.

MARY ALLAFFER/AP

Roger Ailes, chairman of Fox's television station group, will be in charge of the new My Network TV operation.

Executives said they hoped to sign up other affiliates as well.

The 10 Fox-owned stations were left without access to prime-time programming when UPN, a struggling network owned by CBS Corp., announced last month that it would close down.

Roger Ailes, the head of Fox's television station group, will be in charge of the new My Network TV operation.

The new mini-network will be going up against The CW, the joint venture network being formed by CBS Corp. and Warner Bros. out of the assets of UPN and WB. (AP)

In Brief

SAN FRANCISCO

Google, EarthLink Team Up For City's Wi-Fi Network

Google Inc. is joining EarthLink Inc. in a bid to build a wireless network in San Francisco that would offer basic Internet access for free and charge about $20 per month to surf the Web at higher speeds. The partnership, revealed late Tuesday night, represents the first time that Google has acknowledged it wants help in its quest to provide free wireless, or Wi-Fi, service throughout San Francisco, where the hills could make reliable Internet connections more difficult. EarthLink has a similar 10-year contract to provide Wi-Fi coverage to Philadelphia. (AP)

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Sprint Nextel Sees 55% Dip In Income Due to Merger

Sprint Nextel Corp. reported Wednesday a 55 percent drop in fourth-quarter income, dragged down largely by expenses related to the merger last year that created the company. The telecommunications carrier also forecast that its 2006 revenue will be at least $41 billion or more, while the average estimate has been $46.8 billion. Sprint in August bought Nextel in a $35 billion deal that created the nation's third-largest wireless provider. (AP)

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TRANSFORMING LIVES AND CAREERS

Energy Costs Help Push Up Consumer Prices

WASHINGTON | Consumer prices galloped ahead in January at the fastest pace in four months, especially pinching the wallets of motorists and other energy users.

The latest picture of the nation's pricing climate, released by the Labor Department on Wednesday, reinforced expectations that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues will boost interest rates in the months ahead to blunt inflation.

The government's most closely watched inflation barometer, the Consumer Price Index, advanced by 0.7 percent, compared with a 0.1 percent dip in December. The seesaw pattern mostly reflects gyrating energy prices.

Rising inflation is straining families' budgets. A separate report showed that workers' average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, dropped by 0.4 percent in January compared with a year ago. For most workers last year, paychecks didn't keep pace with inflation. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
eFunds	26.29	+3.77	+16.7
MStewrt	18.88	+2.39	+14.5
Quiksilvr s	14.80	+1.56	+11.8
NCI Bld	55.83	+5.85	+11.7
Rostele	18.15	+1.83	+11.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Sherwin	43.20	-9.37	-17.8
Herbalife	30.45	-4.80	-13.6
CEC Ent	32.66	-4.99	-13.3
BigLots	12.74	-1.30	-9.3
NL Inds	13.21	-1.15	-8.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MrshS B	7.90	+2.00	+33.9
MrshSu	8.89	+1.69	+23.5
Consulier	5.00	+.74	+17.4
VA Sftwr	3.88	+.57	+17.2
MovieGal	3.56	+.52	+17.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AxcanPh	11.76	-4.57	-28.0
InPhonic	6.10	-1.87	-23.5
LCA Vis	47.00	-8.89	-15.9
AbleEnr	8.32	-1.37	-14.1
Hittite n	27.06	-3.36	-11.0

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+68.11	+20.21	+9.63
+0.61	+0.89	+0.75
11137.17	2283.17	1292.67

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.50	4.5625
3-month disc	4.46	4.45
2-year	4.67	4.70
10-year	4.53	4.60
30-year	4.48	4.57

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5739	.5727	.5231
Canadian Dollar	1.1486	1.1470	1.2250
European Euro	.8403	.8391	.7543
Japanese Yen	118.51	118.70	104.09
Mexican Peso	10.4450	10.4830	11.0570
Taiwanese Dollar	32.65	32.48	31.32

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	94.79	+1.22	+7.7
BcoSnCH	14.60	+.38	+10.7
BkofAm	45.08	+.53	-2.3
BkNova g	41.35	+.38	+4.4
Citigrp	46.88	+.71	-3.4
DeutschBk	111.61	+1.76	+15.2
JPMorgCh	41.41	+.71	+4.3
MitsuUFJ	13.78	+.23	+.7
RoyalBk g	81.95	+.51	+5.1
TorDBk g	56.13	+.49	+6.5
UBS AG	110.10	+1.26	+15.7
US Bancrp	30.79	+.57	+3.0
Wachovia	57.34	+1.04	+8.5
WA Mutl	43.69	+1.15	+.4
WellsFrgo	64.39	+.88	+2.5

17 | **Total number of years** a 72-year-old Silver Spring man could spend in prison for selling heroin. Prosecutors said Wednesday that William Turner and two associates would obtain the drug and relay to distributors across the region.

Local

2 Killed as Plane Attempts Landing

1 injured as Cessna crashes in snowstorm at suburban airport

BOWIE, MD. | Two men were killed and a woman was injured Wednesday when their small plane crashed while preparing to land at a suburban airport near Washington, D.C., during a brief snowstorm.

The plane, a single-engine Cessna 172 S-Model Skyhawk plane that had taken off from Warrenton, Va., was making its second approach to Freeway Airport using a global positioning system.

Mark Brady, spokesman for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, said two men in the front of the plane were killed. Freeway's chief flight instructor, Marcel Bernard, said a woman in the rear seat suffered serious injuries to her upper body and was later taken to a hospital.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS

A single-engine Cessna that had taken off from Warrenton, Va., crashed Wednesday morning, killing two people at Freeway Airport near Bowie, Md.

The crash site is about a quarter mile from the runway. Bernard said it was snowing heavily with low clouds when the plane crashed just before 10 a.m.

County officials said visibility in the area, about 18 miles east of Washington near Route 50, was between zero and 500 feet at the time with a cloud ceiling of less than 500 feet.

Authorities said the National Transportation Safety Board was sending investigators to the scene.

Freeway Airport handles about 200 takeoff and landings a day.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Va. Plan to Fund Metro Is Stopped

Action by lawmakers puts proposed federal legislation in limbo

RICHMOND, VA. | An effort to upgrade and add capacity to the Washington area's mass transit system has been stopped in its tracks by Virginia's General Assembly.

A bill that would have given five Northern Virginia communities authority to boost their local sales-tax rates by one-fourth of a penny died in a House subcommittee on Wednesday.

On a tied vote of five to five, a House Finance subcommittee failed to advance the measure to the full committee.

That leaves in limbo federal legislation Virginia U.S. Rep. Tom Davis is preparing.

His bill would provide $1.5 billion in federal money over the next ten years to upgrade the 30-year-old Metro subway and bus system provided Virginia, District and Maryland could match it.

Davis' bill requires dedicated and sustainable sources of revenue from each of the three jurisdictions.

State Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple said that the defeat of her bill would leave only the real-estate tax for the five localities to find a match for the federal money. (AP)

AD INSTALLATION TO DELAY RED LINE FOR SIX WEEKS

IT'S NOT TRACK WORK or maintenance that'll be delaying late-night riders on the Red Line for the next six weeks — it's advertising. Wednesday night, Metro crews began installing ads in the tunnel linking Metro Center and Judiciary Square. As the installation continues, Red Line trains will be forced to single track between the Farragut North and Judiciary Square stations. The track closures will happen every day except Saturdays, from 10 p.m. to closing. When the ads are installed , riders who bother to look out train windows will see what appears to be a moving commercial. The transit agency expects to make $200,000 on the ad placement. (AP)

Midshipman Is Accused of Rape

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Lamar Owens, quarterback of Navy's 2005 football squad, has been charged with raping a female midshipmen last month in her dormitory room, the academy announced Wednesday. The academy did not release the name of the woman.

Owens

Since the alleged incident occurred on academy grounds, Owens was charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and the investigation is being handled by the Naval Criminal Investigation Service, a Navy spokesman said. (AP)

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Va. Smoking Ban Sponsor To Allow More Flexibility

The sponsor of a bill to prohibit smoking in most indoor public spaces has agreed to change the legislation to allow more leeway for hotels and motels. Republican state Sen. Brandon Bell of Roanoke said today that he will amend the bill at the request of the hospitality industry. The measure originally allowed hotels and motels to designate no more than 25 percent of their rooms as smoking rooms. The change will allow them to set their own percentage. (AP)

Bell

WASHINGTON

D.C. Gets Federal Grant To Fight Substance Abuse

The District has been awarded a $1.2 million federal grant to help fight substance abuse among young people, Mayor Anthony A. Williams announced Wednesday. The three-year grant will be used by the city's Office of Prevention and Youth Services to better train city workers, improve strategic planning and coordinate treatment programs, which are often spread across various city agencies. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Williams Names Acting Director for Mental Health

Mayor Anthony A. Williams has named the president of Baltimore's Mental Health Systems as the new acting director of the District's Department of Mental Health. Stephen Baron has been at his post in Baltimore since 1988. (AP)

HEARSAY | PREVENTING FUNERAL PROTESTS

"I just feel it's so important for veterans and their families. It's such an emotionally sad time for them."

—MARYLAND DEL. JOAN CADDEN

ON PENDING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BAR PROTESTERS FROM PICKETING THE FUNERALS OF FALLEN SOLDIERS. THE BILL COMES IN RESPONSE TO PROTEST THREATS FROM KANSAS ACTIVISTS WHO SAY TROOP DEATHS ARE GOD'S RETRIBUTION FOR TOLERANCE OF GAYS.

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Feb. 22

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	**3-3-5 (White)**
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Mid-day DC 4	**6-4-1-5**
Evening DC 4	**1-2-1-5**
Rolling Cash Five	**12-26-06-32-24**
Daily 6	**10-18-16-27-14-30 Bonus: 20**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	**8-5-6**
Evening Pick 3	**4-0-3**
Mid-day Pick 4	**7-2-9-6**
Evening Pick 4	**5-2-7-4**
Match 5	**05-10-15-18-38 Bonus: 24**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	**2-0-1**
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	**0-8-1**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	**3-9-9-5**
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	**2-8-2-4**
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	**09-14-19-26-27**
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	**07-10-31-32-34**

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Mega Ball	**36**

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Sports

SHANI V. CHICAGO: Olympic gold medal speedskater Shani Davis is one of three plaintiffs suing the city of Chicago and former police superintendent Terry Hillard, alleging they were pulled over because of their skin color.

CLIVE ROSE/GETTY

PLAYING FROM BEHIND: United States' goalkeeper Rick Dipietro looks at the puck as Ville Peltonen (far right) of Finland scores in Wednesday's quarterfinal in Turin.

Americans Left in the Cold

Modano rips USA Hockey after elimination

HOCKEY | Mike Modano took no shots in the loss that bounced the U.S. men's hockey team from the Olympics.

He saved his best one for afterward.

The three-time Olympian was benched for most of the third period in the Americans' 4-3 loss Wednesday night to Finland in the quarterfinals. Then he took aim at the people who put the disappointing squad together.

"You'd think USA Hockey would be a well-oiled machine, but it's not," he said. "Basically we were on our own for hotels, tickets, flights, stuff like that."

The Americans came out flat in the opening period Wednesday, allowing Sami Salo's short-handed goal that gave Finland a 2-0 lead. Modano scored two goals in the tournament, yet was a non-factor in the finale, when he didn't so much as put a puck on the net.

U.S. coach Peter Laviolette didn't think enough of Modano's performance to have him on the ice during crunch time.

He certainly was less pleased with the forward's Olympic exit interview.

"We were down looking for goals and looking for offense, and it wasn't about Mike Modano," he said. "The third period was clearly our best period."

General manager Don Waddell choked back tears as he tried to explain why the team he built was bounced out of the games with just one win and no medals.

"We came here with higher expectations, and it's disappointing. But you have to move on," the Atlanta Thrashers general manager said. IRA PODELL (AP)

Ovechkin Leads Russia Past Canada

Capitals rookie scores key goal in 2-0 victory to knock out favorites

HOCKEY | A disgusted Wayne Gretzky headed for the exits shortly after Alex Kovalev's power play goal sealed Canada's ouster from the Olympics late in the third period.

A classic rivalry made for the best hockey game in the Turin Olympics so far, and once again, Canada couldn't beat Russia when it counted.

The Washington Capitals' Alexander Ovechkin scored the pivotal first goal 90 seconds into the third period and Russia rode goaltender Evgeni Nabokov's superb game to a 2-0 quarterfinal victory over gold medal favorite Canada on Wednesday.

Asked if it was the most exciting game he's played in — though, at 20, his big-game career is only beginning, Ovechkin said, "Yes."

Alex Kovalev sealed the tensely played game by scoring with 23 seconds remaining with Russia on a power play, after goalie Evgeni Nabokov stood up to the increasingly frantic Canadians by making big save after big save over the final five minutes.

He stopped all 27 shots he faced.

Russia now meets Finland in the semifinals Friday.

Asked what his countrymen back home were thinking, Ovechkin said, "Everybody in my country is jumping, I think, and everybody at the Olympics will drink lots of vodka." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

PAUL CHIASSON/AP

Ovechkin jumps for joy after scoring in the third period of Wednesday's victory.

TURIN '06

MEDAL TRACKER

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Germany	9	8	5	22
Austria	8	6	5	19
United States	7	7	4	18
Canada	5	8	5	18
Norway	2	8	8	18
Russia	7	3	6	16
Switzerland	4	3	4	11
Sweden	4	2	4	10
Italy	4	0	6	10

GOLD STANDARDS

➜ **Anja Paerson** finally won her Olympic gold medal and beat her longtime rival, Janica Kostelic of Croatia, in the process with a pair of dominant runs through floodlit fog in the women's slalom.

➜ Defending Olympic champion **Phillip Schock** defeated older brother Simon to win snowboarding's parallel giant slalom.

➜ **Cindy Klassen** added a gold medal to the bronze and two silvers she's

already earned at the Olympics, winning the women's 1,500-meter speedskating with a dominant performance ahead of teammate Kristina Groves.

Amy Shipley: Chat about the Olympics with the Post writer at 11 a.m. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

OLYMPIC TV LINEUP

FIGURE SKATING (8 P.M. ON NBC) Can Sasha Cohen take home the gold after the women's free skate?

FREESTYLE SKIING (8 P.M. ON NBC) The men's aerials gold medal final.

CURLING (7 A.M. ON MSNBC AND 11 A.M. ON USA) The women's bronze medal game and then the gold medal contest.

SNOWBOARDING (4 P.M. ON NBC) The women's parallel giant slalom.

BIATHLON (6 A.M. ON USA) The women's relay gold medal final.

BODE ACHE: Bode Miller twisted his ankle while playing basketball with skiing teammates but is expected to race the slalom, his fifth and final chance at a medal in Turin.

Sports

Cohen Takes Rest Day

Skater with history of wilting under pressure hopes to protect lead

FIGURE SKATING | All the Olympic medal contenders in women's figure skating practiced on Wednesday. All except Sasha Cohen, who leads the pack going for gold.

A sign of nerves? Injury? Or simply the confidence of a champion in waiting? "I talked to her this morning," coach John Nicks said, "and she was tired and she agreed to rest today and come in tomorrow for a short practice."

What Cohen does have is a tendency to tighten up in the most stressful skating situations. Nothing could be more pressure-packed than what she'll face Thursday. She's trying to win the United States' third straight women's gold when up .03 points over Russia's Irina Slutskay.

And Cohen's history when she's in such a position has been spotty. Cohen claims she's an entirely different skater — more mature, more relaxed — something she'll get to prove in her long program. "I'm going to believe in myself and expect the best," Cohen said Tuesday night. BARRY WILNER (AP)

"Even an off day in the Olympic women's figure skating event is a tense thing."

Sally Jenkins eagerly awaits how Sasha Cohen will fare in Thursday's free skate | **Today in Sports**

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TRICK OR SWISS TREAT: Evelyne Leu of Switzerland was on her way to winning the gold in the women's aerials Wednesday when she completed a triple somersault with three twists — the hardest jump on the program.

U.S. Hopes for Bronze In Curling After Loss

CURLING | The best Pete Fenson can hope for now is to leave Italy with a bronze medal and some new pizza recipes.

The U.S. skip couldn't lead the United States to the Olympic gold medal game, losing to Canada 11-5 in the men's curling semifinals Wednesday night.

Canada clinched at least a silver medal and forced the Americans to play Britain in the consolation game for third place. That would be the first Olympic curling medal — men's or women's — for the United States.

But a loss on Friday and Fenson, who owns a pair of pizza restaurants in northern Minnesota, is going home empty-handed. And that would extend the shutout for the United States, which saw its highly touted women's team fail to qualify for the medal round.

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U.S. skip Pete Fenson follows is throw in an 11-5 loss to Canada in curling.

Canada will play for the gold on Friday night against Finland, which used the big last-rock advantage called the hammer to score on the game's final throw to beat the British 4-3. JIMMY GOLEN (AP)

Ohno Easily Advances to 500m Final

SHORT TRACK | Apolo Anton Ohno safely advanced from his heat in 500-meter short track on Wednesday, giving him two more chances to win medals on the next-to-last night of the Winter Olympics.

In his only race, Ohno was third off the starting line, but surged past two skaters to grab the lead with just over a lap to go. He crossed the line comfortably ahead, his right fist in the air and a big smile on his face.

Ohno, who already has captured a bronze medal at the Turin Games, advanced to the quarterfinals of the 500 on Saturday night. He's also part of the U.S. 5,000 relay team, which already qualified for the medal final.

The other U.S. skater, Anthony Lobello, crashed out of his heat in the 500m. (AP)

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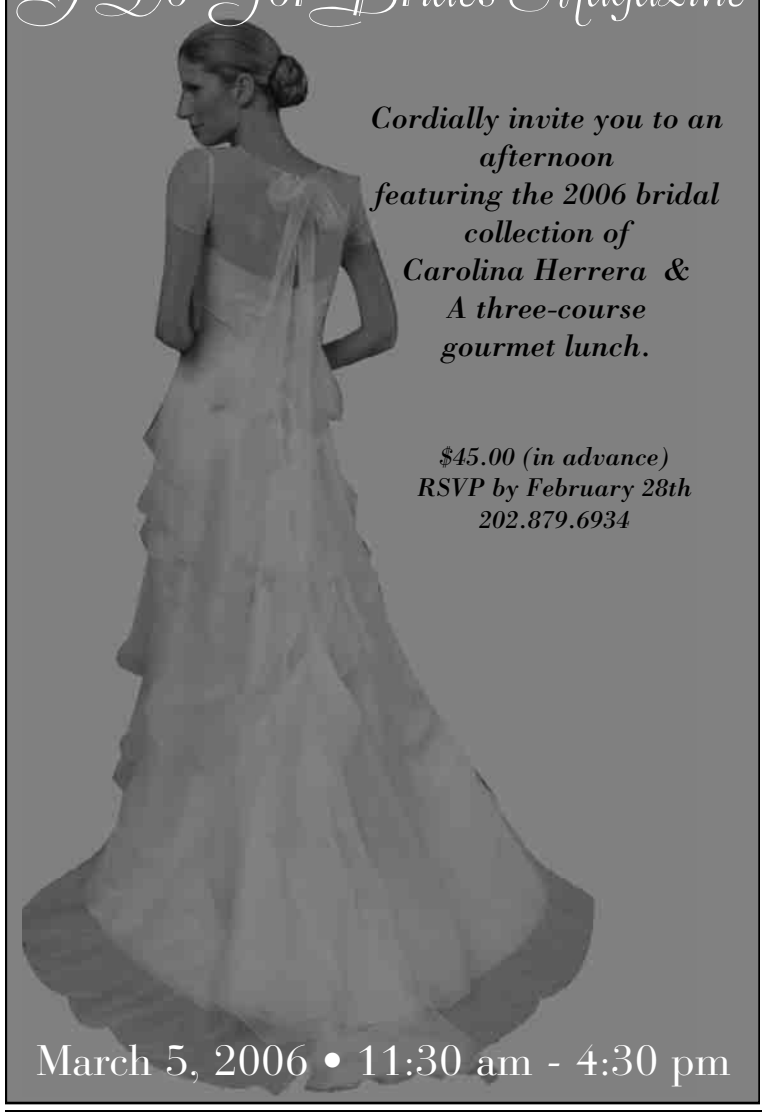

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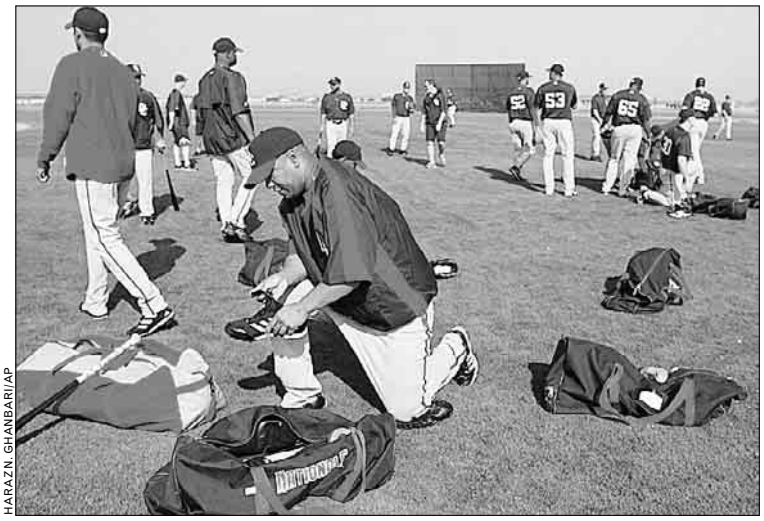
48 | **The number of** home runs Barry Bonds needs to hit in order to break Hank Aaron's record of 755. Bonds reported to spring training Wednesday noncommittal about retiring this year.

Nationals Have Arms Race

Last 3 spots in starting rotation up in the air during spring training



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The question is who will start behind John Patterson and Livan Hernandez?

NATIONALS | It's only February, so the Washington Nationals are far from having to adopt their own version of "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain," the rallying cry of the 1948 Boston Braves team that relied heavily on starting pitchers Warren Spahn and Johnny Sain.

But if the spring doesn't go well, fans might want to starting coming up with something catchy that rhymes with "Livo and Patty," as in established starters Livan Hernandez and John Patterson.

The rest is subject to what manager Frank Robinson has declared a wide open competition. "Coming to spring training and filling three spots in your starting rotation is not good," Robinson said. "I don't care how you look at it."

Robinson listed five main contenders for the three spots, all with varying degrees of potential and pitfall. Tony Armas, Ryan Drese and Jon Rauch have had shoulder surgery in the past year. Brian Lawrence, acquired in an offseason trade, went 7-15 last year with San Diego and has been limited this week with a stiff shoulder. Ramon Ortiz, signed as a free agent, had a 5.36 ERA in 2005 with Cincinnati.

After losing Esteban Loaiza to Oakland, the Nationals were outbid for free agents A.J. Burnett and Matt Morris, leaving general manager Jim Bowden to search for bargains. The rotation was unsettled enough for Bowden to offer a non-guaranteed minor-league contract this week to 36-year-old Pedro Astacio, and talks are continuing. Regardless, Washington will apparently leave spring training with an all-right-handed rotation for the second straight year. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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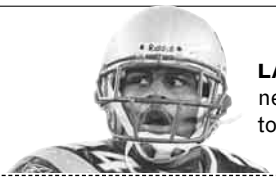

LAY DOWN THE LAW: Two years after being cut by the New England Patriots, cornerback Ty Law was released by the New York Jets on Wednesday, leaving him free to sign with the Patriots, or any other NFL team in the offseason.

Francis Sent to the Knicks

NBA | Steve Francis was traded Wednesday from the Orlando Magic to the last-place New York Knicks, who hope that pairing him in the backcourt with Stephon Marbury will help turn around the team's dismal season.

The Knicks sent Penny Hardaway along with Trevor Ariza to Orlando. Though Marbury and Francis essentially play the same position, the Knicks are confident it will work out.

"We just want ball players," Knicks coach Larry Brown said. "I don't get caught up in positions. I think Steve is strong enough to guard 2s and quick enough to guard 1s."

FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Steve Francis shows off his new Knicks shirt after being traded on Wednesday.

Francis is averaging 16.2 points to lead the Magic, but the star guard has feuded with coach Brian Hill this season. By dealing him for Hardaway's expiring contract, the Magic will get salary cap relief after this season.

"We'll miss Steve in a lot of ways," Orlando assistant general manager Otis Smith said. "We'll miss the passion he brought for the game, we'll miss the energy he brought for the game, but I think we'll be better off in the future."

New York was 15-37 entering Tuesday night and had the second-worst record in the league.

BRIAN MAHONEY (AP)

Price hike: The Wizards are raising the price of 1,000 seats by 59 percent next year | **Today's Post, Sports**

J. Lewis Is Set Free By Ravens

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens have decided not to protect Jamal Lewis from free agency, but have not ruled out the possibility of signing the one-time 2,000-yard rusher to a long-term contract.

Lewis, the NFL Offensive Player of the Year in 2003, when he rushed for 2,066 yards, slumped to a career-low 906 yards this season following a four-month sentence in a Florida federal prison and two months in a halfway house for a cocaine conspiracy plea bargain. He also underwent surgery on his right ankle.

The Ravens would have had to assign a one-year, $6 million franchise tender to retain Lewis. Not doing so means they are likely to look over the veteran running back market while evaluating potential rookie running backs such as USC's LenDale White and Memphis' DeAngelo Williams. The Ravens pick 13th in the draft. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN) South Carolina takes on SEC rival Georgia and then No. 2 Villanova visits Cincinnati.

COLLEGEHOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) Wisconsin needs to beat Northwestern to help its NCAA Tournament cause.

NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) The NBA-best Detroit Pistons host the Indiana Pacers and then the Sacramento Kings play the L.A. Lakers.

GOLF (11 P.M. ON USA) The Accenture Match Play Championship's second round matches.

Ex-Buckeye Clarett Enters Not Guilty

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett pleaded not guilty to charges that he flashed a gun at two people behind a bar on New Year's Day and took a cell phone.

Prosecutors allowed Clarett to enter his plea on robbery charges Tuesday with the clerk's office, avoiding his arraignment in court scheduled for Friday, Duane Williams, deputy clerk for Franklin County Common Pleas Court, said Wednesday. (AP)

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Under the Blades

The winter Olympics tries to skate over the TV competition

JOSTLING | With only four days left in the winter Olympics (8 p.m., NBC) and with February sweeps coming to an end, tonight marks one of the year's most competitive evenings of television.

Tonight's Olympic schedule includes coverage of the most popular figure-skating competition, the ladies' free-skate gold-medal final. In Olympics past, the world has pretty much stood still for this event. This was certainly true in the tabloid Olympics of 1994, when Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan went head-to-head and watched Oksana Baiul skate away with the gold medal. That night remains the highest-rated sporting event in recent memory.

NBC

GOLDEN GIRL? Whatever else is on, people are going to watch Sasha skate.

Time was, networks didn't compete with the Olympics. They aired repeats and waited until the games were over. Tonight, CBS, Fox and ABC are taking on NBC with first-run episodes of some of their strongest programs.

No show has a larger audience than "American Idol" (8 p.m., Fox,) which airs a third time this week. After hearing from the top-12 male and female voices, viewers have cast their votes, and four contestants will leave "Idol" tonight. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

FROZEN IN TIME

Tom Bergeron hosts a two-hour episode of **DANCING WITH THE STARS** (8 p.m., ABC). With only three couples left, look for a lot of chatting, glances back and other gimmicks to fill up the time.

HAVE A CHAIR — NOT!

Over on **SURVIVOR** (8 p.m., CBS), the madness continues — what is up with Shane's seating arrangements? Last week, he took personal possession of a tree stump and declared it "Shane's thinking seat."

NBC VS. CBS

Tonight, even some of the repeats are sweeps-worthy. **WITHOUT A TRACE** (10 p.m., CBS) airs an episode from last November starring "ER" cast-off Alex Kingston and directed by Paul McCrane, who played Dr. Robert Romano.

CBS

THAT'S NOT SHUT-EYE, GUYS: Shane, left, and Aras' horizontal seating.

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Bravo	Project Runway "Reunion"		The West Wing "La Palabra"		★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island amusement park.						Project Runway "Reunion"	
Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Armed and Dangerous"		Com.-Presents	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park	Drawn Together	Distraction	Daily Show	Colbert Report
Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops	Cops	Hot Pursuit (N)	Hot Pursuit (N)	Forensic Files	Body of Evidence	The Investigators (N)		Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyer: Forged in Steel		Tank School Marine Corps.		Stealth Secrets		Extreme Engineering Updating canals.		Destroyer: Forged in Steel	
DISCH	Paramedics "Portland Pioneers"		Trauma: Life in the ER "The Frontier"		Quintuplets! Five babies.		Mermaid Baby		Babies: Special Delivery		Quintuplets! Five babies.	
Disney	The Emperor's	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	★★ "The Color of Friendship" (2000) Carl Lumbly.			Emperor New	The Emperor's	Sister, Sister	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
E!	Dr. 90210 "Action!"		E! News	E! News	Last Days of Elvis: The E! True Hollywood Story				Dolly Parton: True Hollywood Story		Saturday Night Live	
FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	King of the Hill	King of the Hill
HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	My First Place	reDesign	Divine Design	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Design Inc. (N)	Small Space
Family	7th Heaven "Talk to Me"		Smallville "Gone"		★ "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" (2002) Eddie Murphy, Randy Quaid.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club	
History	Modern Marvels: Hangars		History's Mysteries: Ship of Gold		Meteors: Fire in the Sky		Giganto: The Real King Kong		Declassified (N)		Zero Hour	
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Heart of a Stranger" (2002) Jane Seymour, Maggie Lawson. (DVS)				"Ambulance Girl" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Kathy Bates, Robin Thomas.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
MTV	Parental Control	Room Raiders	Direct Effect		MTV's The Shop	MTV's The Shop	True Life "I'm a Competitive Eater"		Wild & Out (N)	MTV's The Shop	Casting Couch	Wild & Out
NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	All Grown Up	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Cosby Show
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Avenger 2.0"		"They Are Among Us" (2004) Alison Fashwood, Michael DiLallo.				★★ "H.G. Wells' War of the Worlds" (2005) C. Thomas Howell.				★★ "Alien Siege" (2005)	
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		MXC (N)	The Serpentine	MXC	UFC: All Access	UFC Unleashed	
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	★ "Exit Wounds" (2001, Action) (PA) Steven Seagal, DMX.				(:10) ★★★ "Lethal Weapon" (1987).	
TLC	Martha Actress Beth Ehlers. (N)		What Were You Thinking?		It's Not Easy Being a Wolf Boy		Man Whose Arms Exploded		Beyond the Bull "Cowboy Up" (N)		It's Not Easy Being a Wolf Boy	
TNT	Charmed "Witchness Protection"		Law & Order "Denial" (DVS)		NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons. (Live)					NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers.		
USA	Olympic Ice (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		PGA Golf: Chrysler Classic of Tucson.	
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MUSIC												
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UNIV	¡Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Noche de Estrellas		Premio Lo Nuestro 2006 Desde American Airlines Arena en Miami.						Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS												
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		College Basketball South Carolina at Georgia. (Live)				College Basketball Villanova at Cincinnati. (Live)				SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Obstacle Course	Obstacle Course	Obstacle Course	Obstacle Course	Obstacle Course	College Basketball Wisconsin at Northwestern. (Live)				Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith	
CSN	Knockouts	SportsNite	College Basketball Old Dominion at James Madison. (Live)				Beyond the Glory		SportsNite	College Basketball Stanford at Washington. (Live)		
NEWS												
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			
FNC	Special Report (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)		Hannity & Colmes (Live)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MOVIES												
AMC	(4:15) ★★★ "A Bridge Too Far" (1977, Drama) Dirk Bogarde. 'PG'				★★★ "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977, Comedy) Burt Reynolds. 'PG'				★★★ "The Blues Brothers" (1980, Musical Comedy) John Belushi. 'R'.			
TCM	(:15) ★★★ "Cleopatra" (1934, Historical Drama) Claudette Colbert. 'NR'				★★★ "Imitation of Life" (1934, Drama) Claudette Colbert. 'NR'				★★★ "The Facts of Life" (1960, Comedy-Drama) Bob Hope. 'NR'			
HBO	(5:00) Elektra	(:45) ★★★ "Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Edward James Olmos. 'PG'					★★ "Hide and Seek" (2005) Robert De Niro. 'R'			16 Blocks-Look	Thinking XXX	
MAX	★★★ "The Rock" (1996, Adventure) Sean Connery, Ed Harris. 'R'				(:15) ★ "King's Ransom" (2005) Anthony Anderson. 'PG-13'				★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, Drama) Clint Eastwood. 'R'			
SHOW	★★ "Danny Deckchair" (2003) Rhys Ifans. 'PG-13'			(:45) SHO Me 1st	★★★ "Boyz N the Hood" (1991, Drama) Cuba Gooding Jr. 'R'				Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	The L Word "Lone Star" (iTV)	
TMC	(:15) ★★ "Captain Ron" (1992, Comedy) Kurt Russell. 'PG-13'				★★★ "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan. 'PG-13'			(:45) ★ "Easy Six" (2003, Comedy-Drama) Julian Sands. 'R'				(:20) Descendant
STARZ!	Mystery, Alaska	(:45) ★★ "Ice Princess" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Joan Cusack. 'G'				Hwd Reporter	★★ "Man of the House" (2005) Tommy Lee Jones.			(:45) ★★ "Shall We Dance?" (2004) Richard Gere.		
ENCORE	(:05) ★★ "Red Dawn" (1984, Adventure) Patrick Swayze. 'PG-13'				★★ "Mercury Rising" (1998, Suspense) Bruce Willis. 'R'				★★★ "Executive Decision" (1996, Suspense) Kurt Russell. 'R'			

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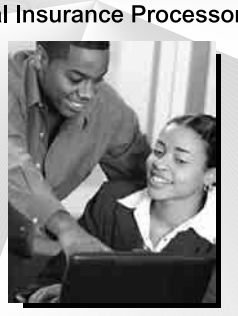

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Privacy

Wiretapping Out

Online call programs claim to sidestep surveillance efforts

Even as the U.S. government is embroiled in a debate over the legality of wiretapping, the fastest-growing technology for Internet calls appears to have the potential to make eavesdropping a thing of the past.

Skype, the Internet calling service, provides free voice calls and instant messaging between users. Unlike other Internet voice services, Skype calls are encrypted — encoded using complex mathematical operations. That apparently makes them impossible to snoop on, though the company leaves the issue somewhat open to question.

Skype is certainly not the first application for encrypted communications on the Internet. Secure e-mail and instant messaging programs have been available for years at little or no cost.

But to a large extent, Internet users haven't felt a need for privacy that outweighed the extra effort needed to use encryption. In particular, e-mail programs, such as Pretty Good Privacy, have been considered too cumbersome by many.

And because such applications have had limited popularity, their mere use can draw attention. With Skype, however, criminals, terrorists and other people who really want to keep their communications private are indistinguishable from those who just want to call their mothers.

"Skype became popular not because it was secure, but because it was easy to use," said Bruce Schneier, chief technology officer at Counterpane Internet Security.

The computer software for Skype, which was founded by Swedish and Estonian entrepreneurs, is distributed for free. Members pay nothing to talk to each other over PCs, but pay fees to connect to people who are using telephones. Skype software is also being built into cell-phone-like portable devices that will work within range of wireless Internet "hot spots."

While still somewhat marginal in the United States, Skype had 75 million registered users worldwide at the end of 2005. Typically, 3 million to 4 million users are online at the same time.

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

SKYPE-R ACTIVE: Monty Bannerman's equipment can block certain online calls.

Skype calls whip around the Internet encrypted with "keys," which essentially are very long numbers. Skype keys are 256 bits long — twice as long as the 128-bit keys used to send credit card numbers over the Internet. The security is much more than doubled — in theory, Skype's 256-bit keys would take trillions of times longer to crack than 128-bit keys, which are themselves regarded as practically impossible to break by current means.

"It is a pretty secure form of communication, which, if you're talking to your mistress, you really appreciate, but if al Qaeda is talking over Skype, you have probably a different view," said Monty Bannerman, chief executive of Verso Technologies. His company makes equipment for Internet service providers, including software that can identify and block Skype calls.

Bannerman notes that Skype calls are decrypted if they enter the traditional telephone network to communicate with regular phones, so a conversation could be intercepted there. Skype does not reveal how many of its calls run on the phone network.

"There are other ways of getting at the conversation than brute-force decryption of the hacking," Bannerman said. PETER SVENSSON (AP)

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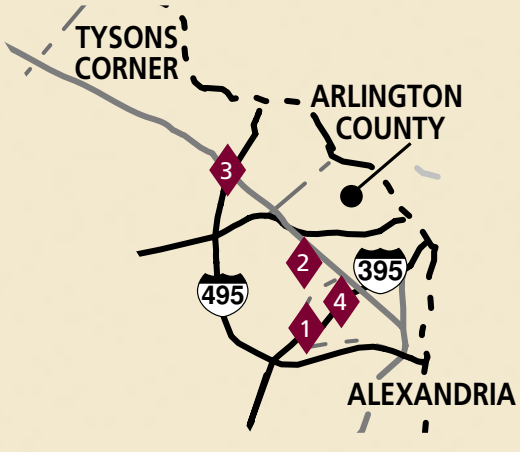

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HISS, HISS, HOORAY: No, that's not a tattoo gun. Airbrush makeup expert Azi Niroo uses a stencil for even brow-misting action. (You can replicate the spray-on fun with at-home products.) Airbrushed makeup lasts longer and feels lighter than conventional, less-amusing foundations.

Air Supply

With airbrush cosmetics, makeup is hit and mist

File UNDER Fad

Airbrushing, the technique long used to immortalize high school love on t-shirts, is now face-ready. Once only available to runway models, local spas are beginning to offer the service to anyone who needs a finish that will last 12 to 24 hours.

Azi Niroo, brow expert and makeup artist at the **ELIZABETH ARDEN RED DOOR SPA** in Chevy Chase ($100 for a regular session; $125 for bridal; 5225 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-362-9890) is one of the few local artists who specialize in airbrush makeup. (It's also offered, for $125, at the **ANDRE CHREKY SALON**, 1604 K St. NW; 202-293-9393). First, Niroo mists on the base, which feels like ... well, being misted. The makeup used at Red Door is just water and pigment, and is safe to breathe, said Niroo. Stencils are used to airbrush on the eyebrows, while Niroo freehands eyeshadow and blush. After the blasting, she tops off her work with conventional makeup. Thirty minutes later, you're made up. Skin looks flawless, but not entirely natural, because no one has naturally flawless skin. The overall look can range from naturally blushing bride to raging cosmetic addict, depending on your preference.

As for permanence, the conventional makeup was gone in a few hours, but the airbrushing lasted well over 12. It came off easily with a quick washing.

Prefer misting in private? Once you summon up the courage to spray yourself in the face with what looks like a small can of hairspray, one quick spritz with **DIORSKIN AIRFLASH** ($60, Sephora) gives you a completely made-up look. But there's no precision, so everything gets misted: Eyebrows, lashes and lips are all suddenly skin-colored. To avoid the charming asphyxiated look, we just filled in our invisable lips with lipstick. The makeup lasted about five hours with no touchups.

ERA FACE SPRAY ON FOUNDATION from Classified cosmetics ($55, Sephora) operates on the same principle, but includes a blending puff and a headband. Testers were pleased with its longevity, although some complained of a chemical smell. It comes in seven shades, including options for darker skin — Dior only offers four fair shades.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Clothing

Gowns for All Girls

LANE BRYANT has launched an exclusive collection of bridal gowns for women sizes 18 to 24. The three gowns include a formal floor-length satin gown, a chiffon-skirted gown with a beachy feel and a jeweled bodice cocktail dress, above. Each one is $150 and available exclusively at lanebryant.com, which ships the Very Special Item in a special box to prevent pre-wedding mushing. They throw in a pre-paid return slip, too, just in case. K.P.K.

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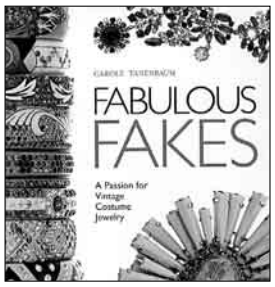

Fake Trumps Fashion

Costume jewelry isn't what you buy at Claire's, little ladies. It's affordable yet well-made, though it does tend to be trendy. In the Victorian era, where **"FABULOUS FAKES"** (Artisan, $35) begins its trek through costume jewelry history, trendy meant tiny portraits of loved ones painted on brooches. In the 1940s, trendy was patriotic Bakelite eagles. And yet, the pieces chosen by vintage jewelry collector Carole Tanenbaum are not at all tacky — even those from the 1980s. What have we learned, children? Isolate a thing of beauty from an era's hideous clothing, and it's still beautiful.

HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Look out | Voices

Brain Health | On Aging Well

DR. MOLLY V. WAGSTER of the National Institute on Aging was online Tuesday to discuss preventive maintenance for the brain. | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

At what age should a person start to think about brain health maintenance? Most of us are so concerned with overall physical health and appearance only and start regular body maintenance when we are in our 20s. It seems like this would be the perfect age to be concerned with brain health as well.

Brain health maintenance should start as early as possible. However, there is some evidence from human and/or animal studies that even if activities (exercise, mentally challenging activities, diet rich in fruits and vegetables) are not begun until older age, cognitive benefits may still be derived.

Have there been any studies linking occupation type to memory loss — i.e, the type of work one is engaged in and its effect on memory?

There have been some studies that have examined the relationship between occupation and cognitive function. Generally, the more complex the work, the more positive the cognitive benefits.

A few years ago I read a book on a study of nuns in Minnesota, I think. One finding in the book was that women who had depression in their younger years were more likely to develop Alzheimer's than those who had not. Is there any information on whether those who have depression — but it is treated with meds — lessen their chances of Alzheimer's, or if it remains the same?

There is observational evidence of a link between depression and development of Alzheimer's disease, but we have no research to date that successful treatment of depression prevents Alzheimer's disease. However, there is some research that indicates untreated depression may negatively affect brain health.

My father has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. He's still in the early stages, but he has noticeable trouble with his short-term memory. He's now taking Aricept. What are some other things my family can do to help him?

Ensuring that he has adequate sleep, that he engages (if able) in frequent aerobic exercise, that he eats a healthy, well-balanced diet and that he continues to have opportunities for rich social engagement may provide some help in the maintenance of his cognitive function.

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1 P.M.: Steve Lipscomb, president, CEO and founder of WPT Enterprises, Inc., fields questions and comments about the rise in poker's popularity and the World Poker Tour.

Letters

Plea to Stop Sexual Violence

THE ARTICLE IN Wednesday's Express about Sex Week at Yale highlights the more provocative aspects of sex education's changing face on college campuses. As executive director of Men Can Stop Rape, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that mobilizes men on college campuses across the country to prevent violence against women, I hope the event combines the risqué with respect — especially with another "Sex Week" right around the corner. Spring break, which can create a combustible climate leading to sexual violence, begins in a few short weeks for many college campuses. The number of sexual assaults reported during spring break in Daytona Beach — a hot spot for students during their spring vacation — doubled in 2005. Men Can Stop Rape is calling for all college men to show their strength by playing a positive role in making the break safe for everyone.

—PATRICK LEMMON
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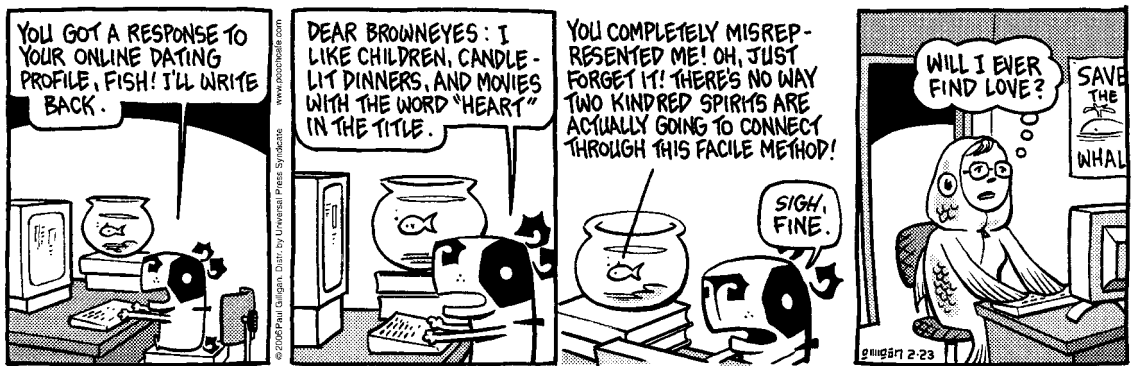

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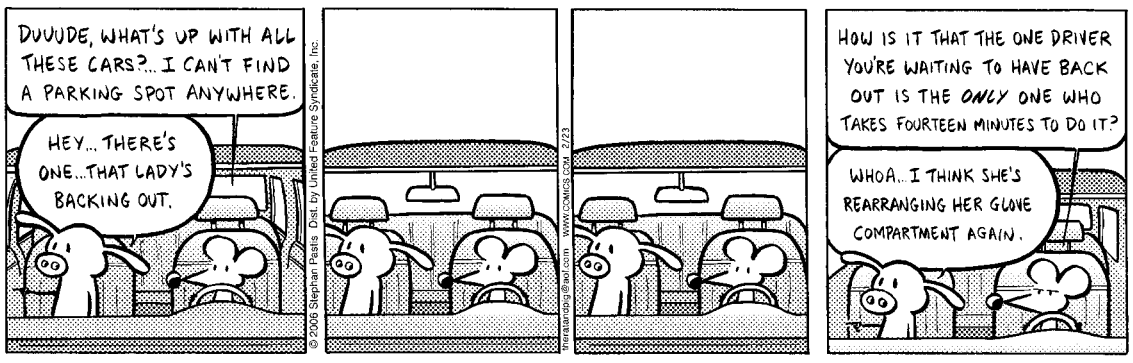

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By Stella Wilder

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're not always interested in what fascinates and captivates others, but you're likely to jump on the bandwagon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your interest is likely to be ignited by someone who is not willing to pay you the attention you desire. A game of cat-and-mouse results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A difference of opinion at the workplace may make it difficult for you to give it your all at this time. Still, don't let down completely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Difficulties are to be expected, and your reactions will be telling. Be sure you aren't letting others determine your own responses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care that your emotions don't boomerang unexpectedly and come back to haunt you. Remain calm and in control when you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The time may come for you to make a quiet sacrifice that benefits someone who doesn't even know you're helping. Stay in the background.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're determined to satisfy yourself no matter what happens — and to that end you're willing to face unusual dangers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Does that information you received only recently really check out? Dig a little deeper if you want to uncover the whole truth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) That which is most unbecoming to you must be avoided at all costs. Take time out occasionally to assess your own progress.

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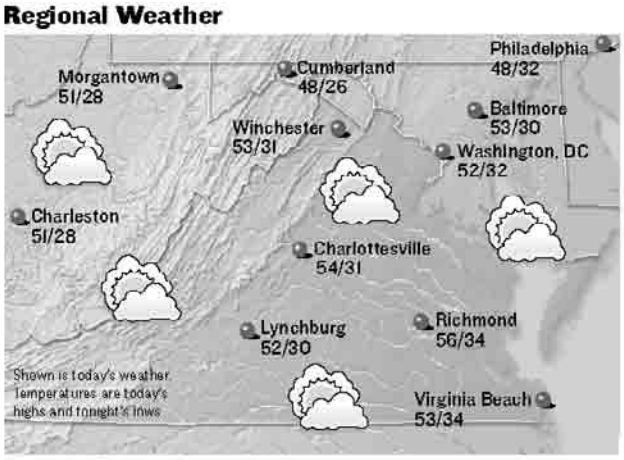
Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	39°
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Normal high	48°
Normal low	31°
Average humidity	94%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.25"
Month to date	2.46"
Normal month to date	2.01"
Year to date	5.71"
Last year to date	4.35"
Normal year to date	5.22"

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Regional Forecast

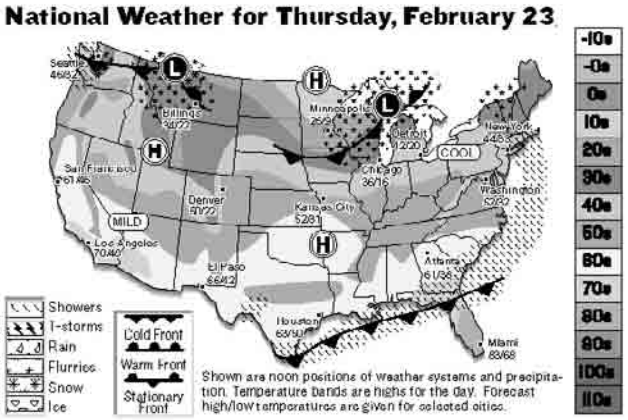
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, then partly sunny. High 52. Wind west-northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy late. Low 32.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:49 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:54 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:43 a.m.
Moonset today	12:35 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 27	Mar 8	Mar 14	Mar 22

National Weather for Thursday, February 23



National Cities

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Boston	42/30/sf	38/23/sf
Chicago	36/16/sf	39/25/sf
Dallas	66/43/sh	59/46/r
Denver	50/22/pc	54/22/pc
Honolulu	81/64/pc	80/66/s
Los Angeles	70/48/s	70/48/s
Miami	83/68/s	82/68/sh
New York City	44/33/c	42/25/pc
Orlando	82/60/pc	72/56/sh
Seattle	46/32/r	44/30/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	35/28/c	37/24/c
Athens	62/53/r	64/52/r
Berlin	40/26/pc	39/25/pc
Buenos Aires	73/61/sh	69/59/r
Calgary	25/9/sf	19/2/sf
Dublin	44/36/sh	42/32/sh
Geneva	40/28/c	41/32/c
Moscow	28/15/sn	27/7/c
Rome	58/41/pc	51/37/c
Sydney	77/64/pc	77/66/s
Tokyo	59/41/pc	46/39/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Look out | People

VIRGINIA SHERWOOD/AP

If she had feelings, she'd feel that knife.

INSULTS

Dude, She's Been to Prison. A Letter Won't Phase Her

After **MARTHA STEWART** griped to Newsweek that she had been supposed to fire **DONALD TRUMP** on her version of "The Apprentice," Trump sent her a very mean letter. He wrote, "Your performance was terrible in that the show lacked mood, temperament and just about everything a show needs for success." And: "I knew it would fail as soon as I first saw it." Wait, there's more: "Between your daughter, with her one-word statements, your letter writing and, most importantly, your totally unconvincing demeanor, it never had a chance — much as your daytime show is not exactly setting records," he wrote. Then, smackdown! "Essentially, you made this firing up just as you made up your sell order of ImClone," said Trump. (AP)

TONY DEJAK/AP

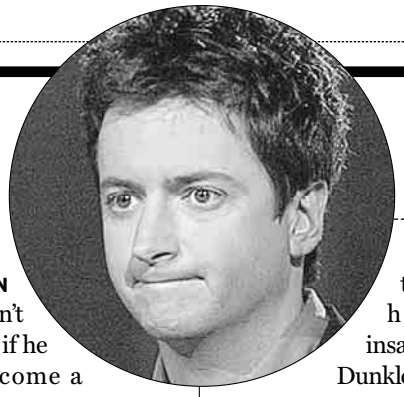
IT BURNS

Don Protective Eyewear Now

KID ROCK has won an initial victory in his attempt to stop a California company from releasing a sex video featuring himself, former Creed singer Scott Stapp and four women. A U.S. District Court judge signed a temporary order that stops the World Wide Red Light District company from distributing or promoting any portion of the tape. On Tuesday, Kid Rock sued Red Light, accusing the firm of violating his trademark and privacy rights. "We don't deny the authenticity of the tape," said Kid Rock lawyer William Horton. "But they're using this without his permission." (AP)

SILENCE!

Seacrest's Banished Appendage Speaks



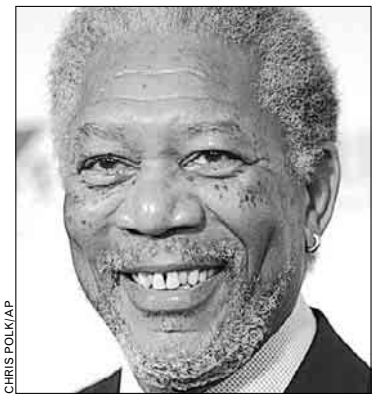
Yet another man destroyed by Simon Cowell.

BRIAN DUNKLEMAN admits that he can't help but wonder if he might have become a mega-star like Ryan Seacrest, if he hadn't quit as co-host of "American Idol" after the first season. "I wanted to be a performer, not someone who introduced other performers," Dunkleman told "Inside Edition." Since then Seacrest has become insanely famous and Dunkleman has gone on to appear in a handful of TV shows like "NYPD Blue" and "Miss Match." "I agonized over [quitting]," he said, "but I quite honestly had a very difficult time with how cruel the show was." (AP)

WARMHEARTED

A Nice Man Wins an Award Named After a Nice Man

MORGAN FREEMAN will be honored with UCLA's Spencer Tracy Award, which recognizes outstanding screen performances and professional achievement. "It was said that Spencer Tracy's natural style set him apart from actors of his time and set performance standards for future generations," said a UCLA spokesman. "We think that the same can be said for the acting of Mr. Freeman." (AP)



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In a one-on-one fight to the death, our money is on Morgan, not Spencer.

EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

Let Taiwan do whatev, thought China. James Brown has funked me up!

CULTURE

China Accepts Funking

The city: Shanghai. The venue: a drafty People's Liberation Army acrobatics theater. The event: **JAMES BROWN**.The 72-year-old Godfather of Soul made his mainland China debut Wednesday, belting out classics such as "Get up Offa That Thing" before a capacity crowd."We are going to funk you up before we finish," Brown said. (AP)

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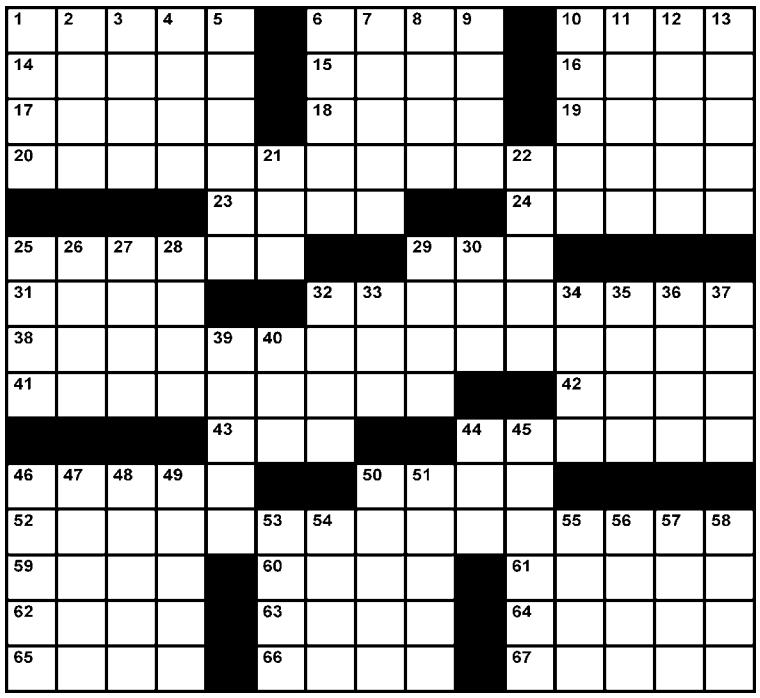

ACROSS
1 Certain superior's title
6 41st on a noted list
10 Old foolish person
14 Flintstone's boss
15 Victor over Connors, 1975
16 Opulent
17 Nest up high
18 Boilermaker part
19 Miss Kett of old comics
20 It counts votes
23 They may be ringing
24 Army outfit
25 Browned in butter (Var.)
29 "Yuck!"
31 Semicircular recess
32 They take sides
38 You may vote in it
41 Vote checkers
42 Second highest in a family of instruments
43 Govt. health watchdog
44 Picture puzzle
46 Follow
50 Love, Spanish-style
52 Cause of some confusion in 2000
59 Anthropoids
60 "It must have been something ___"
61 24 sheets
62 500 sheets
63 Type of matter
64 Word before city or workings
65 Dried and withered
66 Blood and guts, e.g.
67 First U.S.-born saint

DOWN
1 Posthaste, briefly
2 ___ cheese dressing (Var.)
3 Storm start
4 Relating to the ear
5 Subdued chuckle
6 Storybook elephant
7 Kind of manual
8 Unload
9 Mainz mister
10 Limpid
11 Go one better than
12 Prefix with arthritis
13 "Amadeus" choreographer
21 Bounder
22 Set of values
25 Spice rack member
26 The very top
27 Md. institution
28 Abound
29 WWW addresses
30 Co. that merged to become Verizon
32 Petition
33 ___ Lingus (Irish airline)
34 Hunting target, perhaps
35 Is unwell
36 "___ creature was stirring ..."
37 Kind of leopard or goose
39 Tin soldier's prop
40 Common connection
44 Paragon of patience
45 Basra natives
46 Aspen lifts
47 100 paise
48 Shed ___ (show sympathy or sadness)
49 Informal response to "Who's there?"
50 It may have a cross to bear
51 "I don't believe you!"
53 Diana of "The Avengers"
54 Casino game
55 Crescent-shaped figure
56 It may get the brush-off
57 Popular cookie
58 Cousin of a gull

Yesterday's Solution

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Today in History

1822 Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.

1836 The siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio.

1847 U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican Gen. Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

1861 President-elect Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, an assassination plot having been foiled in Baltimore.

1945 During World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag.

1997 Scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly."

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Yesterday's Solution

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NAME: Matthew Klokel
GIG: Owner and proprietor of Tenleytown's Fantom Comics

THE FACT THAT Fantom Comics, which celebrated its grand opening earlier this month, is a new breed of comic-book store is apparent from the moment you step in. It's clean and well-lit, nicely laid out with sections divided by genre (humor/fantasy/war & history/manga) or by publisher. What it doesn't have is a boys' club vibe or what Fantom owner Matthew Klokel, 29, admits is the comic-book store guy stereotype, the Comic-Book Store Guy from "The Simpsons."

How'd you end up here?
I was working at a think-tank, and I really liked my job and I really liked my boss. And I thought, if you really liked your job and you really like your boss, and still want to go into business for yourself, you should probably do it.

Did you have a collection?
Yeah, I had back issues and one of the other minority investors had a very big collection, too. Back issues aren't what they used to be. People aren't as interested in them today because of the trade paperbacks, which collect several issues together much like a DVD of a season of television shows. It's more convenient, it's easier to pass on to friends, and they keep reprinting them.

Who makes up the bulk of your business?
Most of my business is 20-, 30-, 40-year-olds on their way to work. We're right on top of a Metro stop. I'd say almost a quarter of the people who come in say "I've never read a comic book" or "I haven't read comic books in 10 years," and a good percentage of those walk out with something.

MICHELLE REPISO/EXPRESS

PAPER PUSHER: Matthew Klokel amid the bound goodies in Fantom Comics.

Do you get a lot of fanboys?
We get a good share, mostly from AU. I'm building up my fanboy base every week. But currently, we're almost like a specialty bookstore that happens to focus on comic-book related books.

What's making the difference?
It's like, all we've had in the last 40 years has been the Superhero Channel. And if the only TV channel you can get is the Superhero Channel, you could see TV as a waste of time, but in the last 10 years you've had the cable effect and the DVD effect. On cable, you now have the Discovery Channel, you have the History Channel, the Oxygen Channel; I mean, you've got books out there specializing in every market.

"If the only TV channel you get is the Superhero Channel, you could see TV as a waste of time."

Speaking as a female comics geek, you foster a welcoming environment.
Well, when I was doing the research for the business plan, I found out that women make up about 50 percent of comic-book readership right up until the early 1970s. What killed it was the romance comics kind of died away and the rise of the comic-book store, which was almost like a boys-only club. Why you'd want something like that is beyond me.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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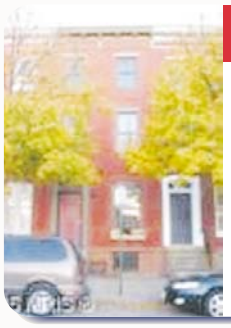

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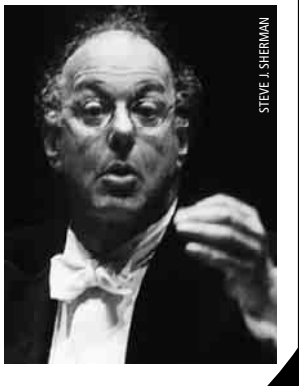
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The play also examines a few of history's male consorts, including Grigory Potemkin, one of Catherine the Great's many beaux, and Robert Dudley, purportedly the lover of Queen Elizabeth I of England.

Male or female, it's not easy being the favorite of a leader. These men and women not only had to — or got to, depending on your point of view — sleep with masters, philanderers or murderous tyrants, but also had the endure of society's outrage and ostracism. Camilla, of course, notwithstanding — now that woman sets an example of how to make an affair work.

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PURPLE PEOPLE PLEASER : The mauve hair, flowing gowns and costume jewelry can only mean that passive-aggressive performer Dame Edna Everage is in town.

Nothing Like a Dame

Dame Edna Everage brings the epiphany of laughter to D.C.

STAGE | It's not easy to explain Dame Edna Everage to the uninitiated, the curious or the weak-hearted. The self-proclaimed "housewife, investigative journalist, social anthropologist, talk-show host, swami, children's-book illustrator, spin doctor, Megastar and Icon" is a sort of free-floating lifestyles hostess whose very existence is a performance-art coup.

Dame Edna's alter ego, Australian actor Barry Humphries, takes her passive-aggressive road show on the road — mauve wigs and all — with a new show, "Back With a Vengeance."

As always when this juggernaut rolls into town, it's safest to get out of the way. We tried to interview Dame Edna from her hotel room in Rochester, N.Y., but we shall have to let the lady speak for herself.

How are you?

I'm sorry if I'm a little croaky. I did a little benefit concert last night just to raise a bit of money for a very very sick person — Harry Whittington. I'm helping to contribute to his medical bills. I just thought, no one has probably even thought of him and he may need a little cosmetic surgery.

I get tired and I am a very wealthy woman — I don't need to do this show. But then, your presiedent is wealthy and he doesn't need to be the president. But he soldiers on, doesn't he?

I have been to Washington, have you looked in my file?

Um ...

When you're more experienced in journalism, you'll know to look through someone's file. You'll thank me. Your gratitude will be grotesque.

Do you love museums as I do? Perhaps when I'm in Washington, we could do a little museum trolling around, could we?

It's a sad feature of modern American life, going into those gift shops and buying things I will never use. Like oven mitts with Monet's water lilies on them. I'm sick of them. I cannot stand those water lilies.

I just added something lovely to my collection. It's called Munch's "The Scream."

People are looking for that.

Oh, are they? I bought it privately.

The thing that people like about my show, aside fom the singing, the dancing, the occasional miracle, the psychic readings, the gifts, the laughter — above all the epiphany of laughter — e-p-i-p-h-a-n-y — people like my show because they see a woman on the stage they can identify with — the women can, anyway — and they don't see the neediness.

I'm not mentionting the names of other actresses, and Liza is a friend of mine, so I'm not mentioning her, but it's this appalling neediness — that's "neediness" in italics, dear, or perhaps one little inverted apostrophe.

A-p-o-s-t-r-o-p-h-e.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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COURTESY WPAS

Acclaimed violinist Midori has come a long way since being a poised prodigy.

Midori: Bowing Under Pressure

It's been 20 years since violinist Midori was an internationally beloved child prodigy. She performs Tchaikovsky, Mozart and Hindemith with the National Symphony Orchestra this weekend. Leonard Slatkin conducts.

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Shirley Caesar: Gospel's First Lady

Former Caravan member Shirley Ceasar performs in Woodbridge Saturday evening. The winner of 11 Grammy awards, Ceasar's hits include "God is Good," "He Will Come" and "Time to Be Blessed."

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The Twats: Local Ladies

The Twats' singer with the unprintable stage name alternately sounds like Jello Biafra and Courtney Love. Her band sounds like Minor Threat. What's not to like? Except the name.

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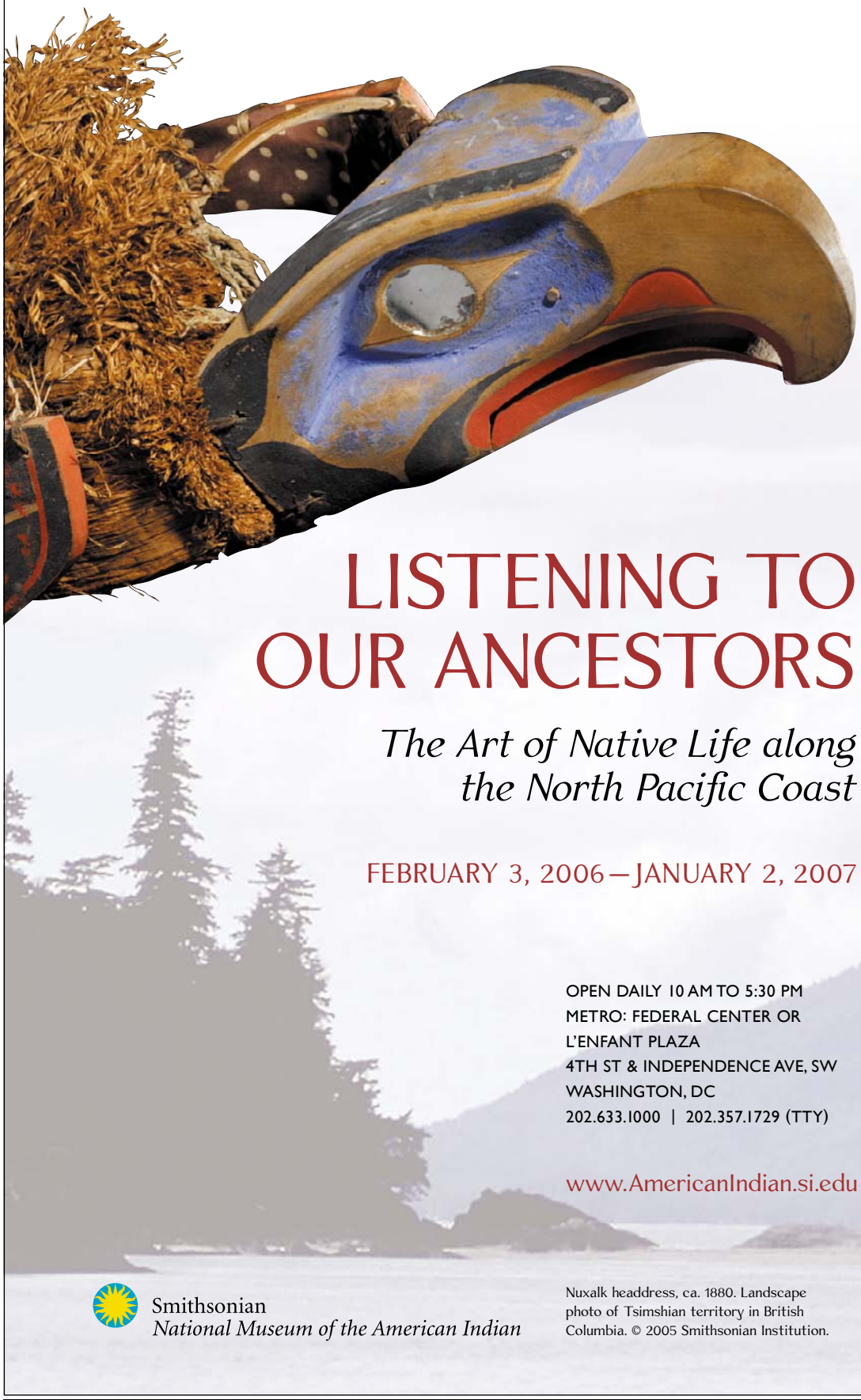

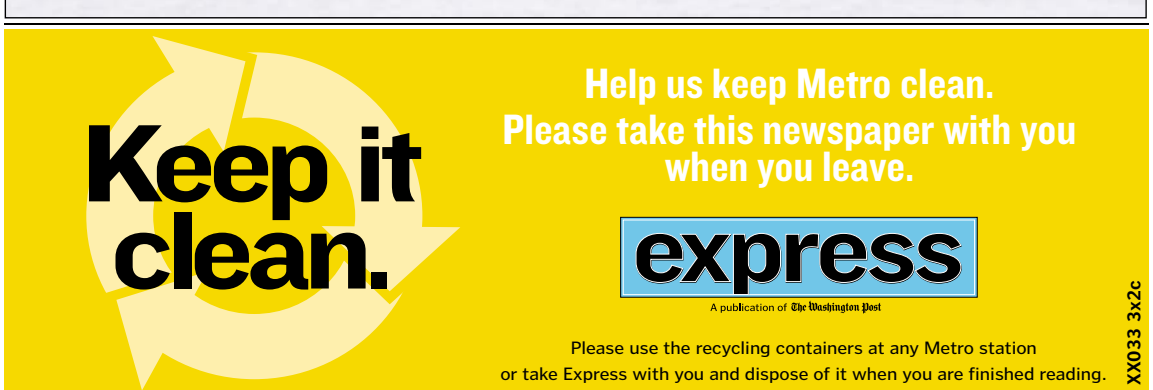

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HOWARD GOODMAN

GUITAR-SLINGER: Abercrombie's sonic experimentation captivates jazzbos.

Tough Guys Play Jazz

John Abercrombie and Marc Copeland play the hard stuff

MUSIC | There has been some griping among D.C. jazz addicts lately concerning Blues Alley's programming — some argue that the venerable haunt is getting soft by opting more for R&B and smooth-jazz acts.

Well, this Sunday, the club counters that argument with the arrival of the John Abercrombie and Marc Copeland group. The music probably won't explode into the sonic euphoria that people hear at, say, New York City's Vision Festival, even though Abercrombie's fluid electric guitar essays have been known to shriek and screech in high-voltage moments. But with Copeland delivering silhouette-like lyricism on the piano, the unruly clamor will be at a minimum.

That's not to say that the music won't be adventurous. Abercrombie and Copeland excel at engaging, meaningful, lo-fi experimentation, proving that discreet musical conversations can be as intense and exhilarating as boisterous grandstanding.

The two have been developing a captivating accord, best illustrated on Copeland's discs "Second Chance," "That's for Sure" and "Brand New" — the last two featuring only trumpeter Kenny Wheeler. With stellar bassist Drew Gress and D.C.'s own Tony Martucci steering and anchoring the dialogues, it'll be interesting to hear their hushed, exploratory splendor live.

Even if the volume doesn't rise above a whisper, Blues Alley will resonate with hardcore jazz.

JOHN MURPH

➜ *Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave, NW; Sun., 8 p.m. & 10 p.m., $25;202-337-4141.*

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Never Say Sorry

Hardcore vets Haram don't scream but they do rock, D.C.-style

MUSIC | In Arabic, "haram" means both "sacred territory" and "forbidden." In the language of D.C. rock, however, Haram means "an abrasive rock band launching a nationwide tour from Galaxy Hut on Saturday evening."

Haram's guitarists, Matt Michel and Mike Taylor, played in Majority Rule and Pg. 99, respectively. The Rule and the Page, in a addition to being two of the past decade's most popular local bands, were scream-leavened, sonically ferocious hardcore acts.

Michel and Taylor take a much gentler tack with their current quartet. Haram sounds like a D.C. band, which is to say it sounds like Fugazi.

COURTESY LOVITT RECORDS

FORBIDDEN OR JUST A SHAME? D.C.'s Haram means many things to many people.

Michel's long-admitted crush on pretty noisemakers Nirvana and Sonic Youth also manifests itself on the group's self-titled debut album for Lovitt Records, but Haram offers few pretty songs, and Michel never explodes like Kurt and the boys. Alas, there is no screaming.

Reached by phone, Michel commented on the Fugazi comparison, saying, "That's a huge compliment. They're one of my favorite bands." (Incidentally, approximately 63,452,842,029 other local bands feel the same way.)

Oh, and the name? Michel said that the word also means "I'm sorry," and "That's a shame" in Arabic and that this third definition was his inspiration when naming the band. TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

➜ *Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with The New Flesh, 9:45 p.m., $5; 703-525-8646. (Clarendon)*

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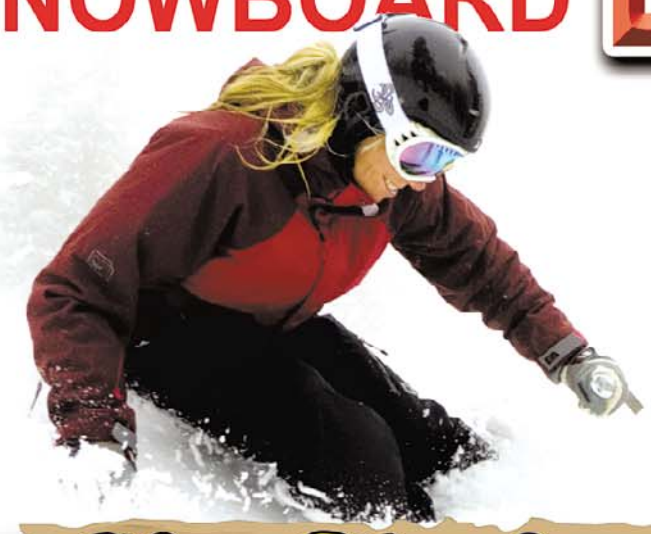

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All Hail the Darkness

Dark Tranquility's death metal blends beauty and brutality

MUSIC | Metalheads from iciest Scandinavia Dark Tranquility will headline Jaxx on Thursday night in support of their latest studio album, the surprisingly mellow-titled "Character."

For those unfamiliar with the band, Dark Tranquility is one of the most important and longest-lasting bands from the tune-conscious death-metal stronghold of Gothenburg, Sweden.

LIDON TIDANG

THEY LOOK CALM ENOUGH: There must be something in the Gothenburg water, what with all the singalong metal up there.

On "Character," DT's 10th full-length album, the sextet seamlessly blends furious riffs, haunting guitar harmonies and ambient electronics to create a sound that is as triumphant as it is sorrowful.

What sets Dark Tranquility apart from other death-metal bands, even the Swedish ones, is the sure sense of melody in its music — DT manages to sound heart-breakingly beautiful and bone-crushingly brutal at the same time. GREGORY RE

➜ *Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; with the Devin Townsend Band, Cataclysmic Avatar, Fierce Allegiance, Thu., 6 p.m. (doors), $16 in advance, $18 at the door; 703-569-5940.*

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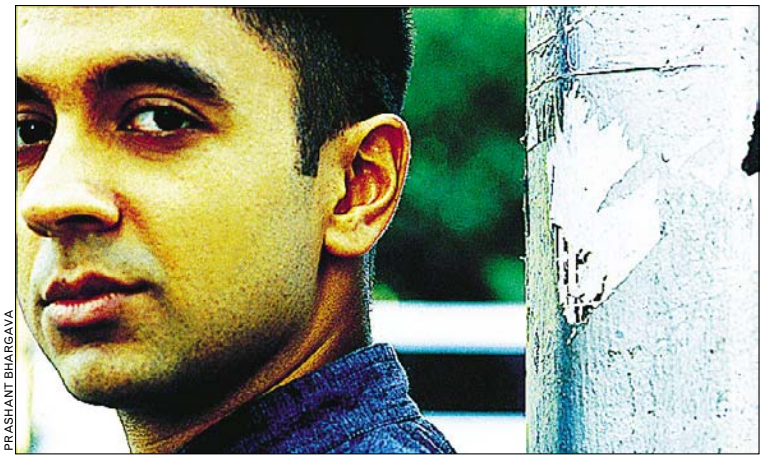
Doctor of Jazz's Future

Pianist Vijay Iyer uses his brains to re-imagine the genre

MUSIC | Vijay Iyer's most recent album is titled "Reimaginings," which in one sense is a play on his rendition of John Lennon's "Imagine." But in another sense, it's about Iyer's re-imagining of jazz piano. He leads his quartet through a mindspace where the rhythms of his Indian roots meet African-American sounds, be they jazz, funk or hip-hop.



PRASHANT BHARGAVA

ONE DEGREE IN SYNCOPATION: Iyer takes a postmodernist's approach to jazz.

Smart, funky, multi-culti — it's some spicy flavor for the austere Kennedy Center, where Iyer will premiere a new politically-tinged suite, "Tragicomic," this Thursday.

His explorations — along with Rudresh Mahanthappa on alto sax, bassist Stephan Crump, and 19 year-old percussion wunderkind Marcus Gilmore — pushed "Reimaginings" to the top ranks of the 2005 JazzTimes critics' poll. It's just the latest of Iyer's projects to blow minds.

His collaboration with visionary hip hop MC Mike Ladd, "In What Language?" needs so many hypens for its description that someone ought to just make up a new word for it. Something better than "breakthrough hip-hop-jazz fusion," as the New York Times labeled it.

Set in an international airport, an eleven-member ensemble of musicians and speaking voices portray people of color trying to make their way. It's a perfect metaphor for the tumult of the early 21st century. But more importantly, as the Times noted, it's "underground political music that sounds good."

Even Iyer's doctoral thesis has a hot playlist. Its discography includes incontestable jazz greats like Ornette Coleman, Cecil Taylor and Thelonius Monk. But it also ranges among pop boundary pushers like James Brown, Busta Rhymes, Madonna, Squawrepusher and Public Enemy's Terminator X.

It's that post-iPod soundscape, that expectation of the unexpected, that Iyer specializes in. From a certain angle, that puts him in the company of other ostensible "saviors" of jazz, like Brad Mehldau, The Bad Plus and Jason Moran.

But what it really amounts to is a musician unafraid to think and feel, please and challenge, swing and rock, as the spirit moves him. Which makes Iyer less a champion of jazz, funk or hip hop than their evolutionary heir. BOB MASSEY

➜ *Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu., 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. $25; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

Trick Photography

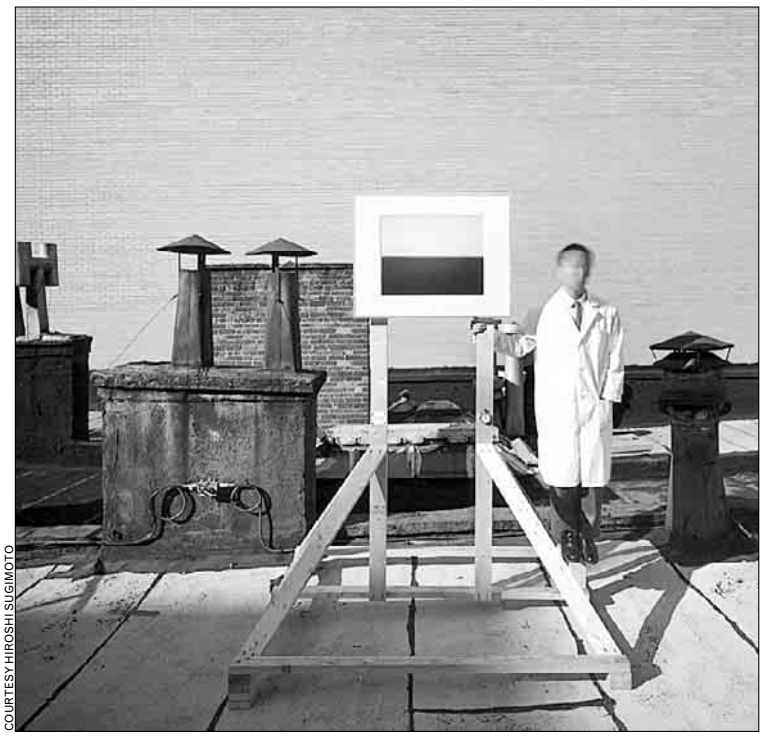
Hiroshi Sugimoto thoughtfully fools both eye and mind

MUSEUMS | If you haven't already seen the Hirshhorn's installation of the photography of Hiroshi Sugimoto, don't let anybody tell you how it goes. The architectural rejiggering that often accompanies museum retrospectives doesn't usually open itself up to spoilers, but there are some vistas so jaw-dropping that even inveterate 'horn-watchers won't see them coming. And you won't hear about them here.

The pictures we can talk about. The Tokyo-born Sugimoto has also worked as a dealer in Japanese antiquities, so he hasn't been forced to lard his resume with tacky fashion shoots and celebrity pictorials. Each of his mere handful of series is conceived and carried through with unwavering integrity and presence of mind.

Having long been based in both the U.S. and Japan, Sugimoto remains best known for a series of movie palaces and drive-ins. He sets up his large-format view camera in the back, opens the shutter at showtime and closes it once the feature has run. The screen is washed out to whiteness; the theaters, many of them destined for the wrecking ball, emerge from the shadows cast by the screen.

The effect is the opposite of Henri Cartier-Bresson's "decisive moment." Not quite "the indecisive moment," it's more like "the decisive un-moment." Most photography — even if carefully composed, even if staged, even if the very antithesis of shoot-from-the-hip lens-slinging — still says, "Something happened here." Sugimoto drains all "happening" from his photography. In his shots of natural-history-museum dioramas and wax-museum figures, there is history without incident, philosophy without argument, realism without reality.



COURTESY HIROSHI SUGIMOTO

SELF WITH SEA: Elegant and mysterious, Sugimoto's portrait of the artist as the art.

A series devoted to hundred-year-old plaster models of three-dimensional mathematical functions finds Sugimoto shooting flawed, scratched sculptures of pristine intellectual objects as though they were looming skyscrapers. A suite that catalogs richly blurred landmarks of modernist architecture, from Le Corbusier's Villa Savoye to Erich Mendelsohn's Einstein Tower, turns actual buildings back into unbuilt visions.

Courtney Love once sang, "I fake it so real I am beyond fake." For a while it was true, then she pushed it too far, devolving into grotesquerie.

Sugimoto never spoils the illusion. "That's my job," he said, "to keep some kind of question ..."

GLENN DIXON

➜ *Hirshhorn, 7th Street and Independence Avenue SW; through May 14; 202-633-1000. (L'Enfant Plaza)*

Kulty, Kampy Killers

Thrill Kill Kult goes from B-movies to industrial-rock fame

MUSIC | The procession of skin-tight leather pants and revealing bustiers filing up the stairs tonight to Black Cat's mainstage just might tip you off that the usual lineup of dour indie rockers is not on hand.

One of the most flamboyant groups of the image-centric industrial dance movement, My Life With the Thrill Kill Kult garnered a rabid cult following in the late '80s and early '90s with lurid tales of sex, drugs and violence set over throbbing dance beats. While angst-ridden bands like Ministry and Nine Inch Nails would eventually take industrial music to the mainstream, Thrill Kill Kult maintained its status as underground party favorites for the S&M crowd.

Initially formed to make soundtracks for sleazy B-movies, Thrill Kill Kult's live show became legendary for a multimedia assault of campy perversions and hedonistic imagery. Touring behind their latest release, "Gay, Black & Married," the Kult has lost little of the carnal edge it established nearly 20 years ago.

RYKODISC

WHO DOES YOUR HAIR? Life with the Kult may be scary, but it's always interesting.

Openers include Seattle electro-goth duo Cylab and local industrial vets and recent winners of DC101's first remix contest, Mindless Faith. A reworked version of Nine Inch Nails' "Only" won the band four radio contests and high praise from NIN's Trent Reznor. PETER DENTON

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Cylab, Mindless Faith, Thu., 8:30 p.m., $20; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)*

STAGE | NO TOMORROW

MICHAEL COOPER

LIFE IS SHORT: The Meredith Monk Vocal Ensemble comes to GMU's Center for the Arts with "Impermanence." The renowned vocalist/choreographer assembled the moving, finally triumphant multimedia performance from interviews with people who have life-threatening illnesses.

The Words of Women

'Boston Marriage' shows David Mamet in a restrained mood

STAGE | For a play that's mostly dialogue, there's much to follow in David Mamet's "Boston Marriage."

The play's action lies in its words — insults and double-entendres bounce about the chintz-clad stage in a dizzying frenzy.

"Boston Marriage" is being staged at the Source Theatre by the Actors' Theatre of Washington, a group dedicated to bringing the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience into social awareness. The Victorian term "Boston Marriage" refers to a long-term, intimate relationship between two women.

RAY GNIEWEK/ACT

SEX, LIES AND BOMBAZINE: The play's title is an old-fashioned term for the cohabitation of two respectable women.

The heroines' union is crumbling. Anna (Kate Eastwood Norris), who has procured a wealthy male "protector," has prepared for Claire's (Jenifer Deal) visit, delighting in the possibilities her status might afford a covert relationship.

Claire, however, has shocking news: She is in love with a young girl and hopes to carry out the seduction under Anna's roof. Anna releases a torrent of contempt, mostly — and hilariously — at the expense of the maid (Elizabeth Simmons), but ultimately consents on a rather prurient condition.

When it turns out Anna's protector and Claire's paramour are connected, the pair scrambles to salvage the situation.

"Boston Marriage" is both great fun and an examination of the stamping out of Victorian and feminine restrictions and mores.

ERIN TROMPETER

➜ *Source Theatre Co., 1835 14th St. NW; through March 19; $26.50-$31.50; 800-494-8497. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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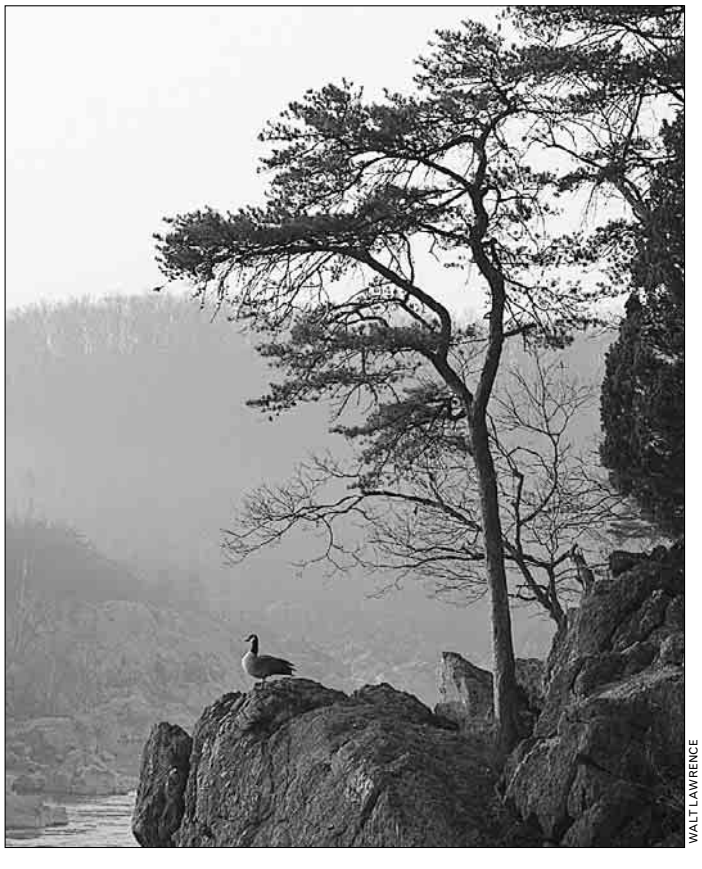

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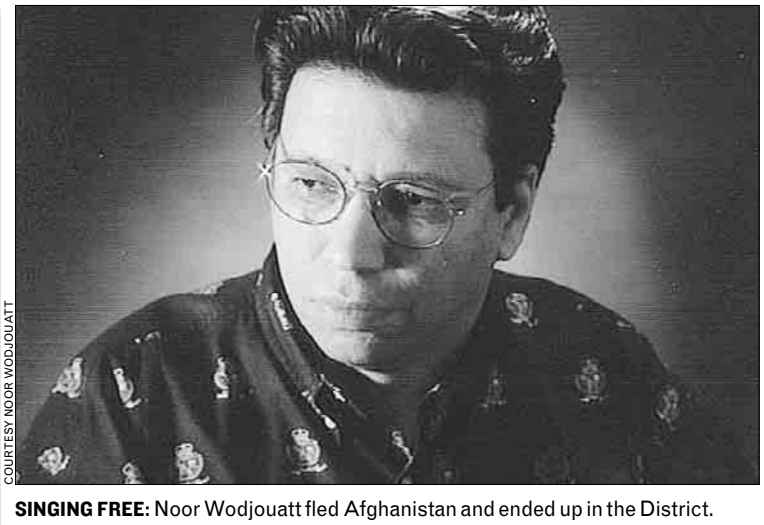
Music That Won't Die

Noor Wodjouatt came from Kabul to D.C. preserve ghazat

MUSIC | Much has been made of the Taliban's outlawing of music, dance and other creative expressions when it came to power in Afghanistan in 1996. But being an artist was never easy there — plenty of talented people fled the war-torn country because of the Russian invasion. Kabul-born Noor Wodjouatt moved to France in 1980 for that reason as well as to study contemporary art.

He came to the D.C. area in 1990, and Wodjouatt soon turned to his family to receive an education in music to go along with his fine-arts smarts.

"My older brother, Bassir Wodjouatt, plays robab, a classical Afghan instrument and from very early age I was playing drums with him," Wodjouatt wrote in an e-mail. "When I moved to the U.S., I started having a passion for playing harmonium and singing … then I started learning ragas from my cousin Wali Ahmad Raoufi, one of the best Afghan sarod players."



COURTESY NOOR WODJOUATT

SINGING FREE: Noor Wodjouatt fled Afghanistan and ended up in the District.

Wodjouatt sings ghazel, a form of classical Indian music that uses spiritual Persian texts. These romantic couplets provide the lyrics to some of the songs that will be performed at the Kennedy Center by the Noor Wodjouatt Ensemble. The group is composed of brother Bassir, Broto Roy on tablas and Lori Clark (aka Yasmina) shaking it in the kathak dance style, which is based on the stylized gestures and movements of ancient North Indian storytellers.

As "Footloose" proved, you can't ban the dance or the music.

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CELESTIAL BODIES: "Set Yourself on Fire" burns down traditional rock boundaries.

Orchestral Maneuvers

Stars shine with a hybrid of the organic and the man-made

MUSIC | The thing about stars is, they don't burn bright all the time — they flicker. The same can be said about the band Stars, the Canadian indie conundrum who bring their sound to the Black Cat this weekend.

Marked by the dual vocals of Torquil Campbell — he's also an actor who has appeared in episodes of "Sex and the City" and "Law and Order" — and Amy Millan, Stars' sound aims to fuse niche elements of electronica and chamber-pop.

Having released their third album, "Set Yourself on Fire," last year, Stars have matured to the point where articulate, well-composed orchestration is often fully integrated — sometimes a soft and inviting opening, at other times a riff to ground the refrain. Like a burst of spectral scintillation, those moments are nothing short of brilliant.

"Set Yourself on Fire" also shows off catchy guitar riffs a la '80s R.E.M.; multilayered electronic grooves; pleasant slower pieces; flat-out, breaking-it-down jams; and climatic mixes of all of the above. And somehow, Stars keep it all together.

CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

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Walker Is On a Role

Paul Walker is a Hollywood hunk with an impressive range

NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS

FROM DOGS TO THE MOB: Walker said the role of a tough guy in trouble in "Running Scared" took everything out of him.

DEVERSIFICATION | If there were any doubts about Paul Walker's range, consider his two latest movies: the Disney adventure "Eight Below" and the brutal mob drama "Running Scared." In the former, he plays an Antarctic adventurer who has to rescue a team of stranded sled dogs; in the latter, he plays a low-level New Jersey mob soldier in trouble with the law and the "family."

His credits have been mostly youth-oriented fare like "Varsity Blues," "The Fast and the Furious" films and "Into the Blue."

He did "Eight Below," he said, because it's the kind of wholesome film his 7-year-old daughter and his mom can enjoy. "Running Scared" he made for selfish reasons: Hoping to break out of the good-guy surfer dude image, Walker told his agent to look for scripts that would show a darker side.

As Joey Gazelle, Walker runs into trouble when the gun he was supposed to get rid of for the mob winds up in the hands of his young son's playmate. The kid shoots his abusive stepfather and flees. Joey has to find the boy and retrieve the weapon before the mob or the police find either of them.

Walker admits that Joey Gazelle was the toughest role of his career. "Emotionally, it was completely draining," he said. "I was running on adrenaline every day and I would take it home with me. I couldn't turn it off."

By contrast, making "Eight Below" was a breeze. Walker relished working with 64 dogs. (Each of the eight canine co-stars had seven backups.) "I knew them all by name; I knew each and every one of their personalities," he said.

He wanted to take home a co-star named Jasper (who plays the rambunctious rebel Shorty in the film). All white with pale blue eyes, the dog had the best disposition, according to Walker. Unfortunately, "He just never listened," Walker said. "He never hit his mark and he always messed up the shot." ANGELA DAWSON (VNU ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Eight Below

The eight canine stars of "Eight Below" pull their weight literally and figuratively in this lively dog-in-jep adventure. ANN HORNADAY

2 Date Movie

Slapstick can be as great as high art, but this reminds us that slapstick can be just plain bad. DESSON THOMSON

3 The Pink Panther

Most of the humor in "The Pink Panther" derives from Steve Martin's silly French accent. But zat joke, she ees not funny. ANN HORNADAY

4 Curious George

The film adapted from the beloved children's books wisely plays up George's uninhibited, childish curiosity, but it's elementary. STEPHEN HUNTER

5 Final Destination 3

Director James Wong allows viewers to take gleeful comfort in the destruction of the stupid and doomed. DESSON THOMSON

20TH CENTURY FOX

WE GET IT: Maybe the references in "Date Movie" seemed funny two years ago.

6 Firewall

Harrison Ford's brand of resolute action hero has become obsolete — for him. The actor looks in great shape for almost-64, but the job description calls for vigor. STEPHEN HUNTER

7 Freedomland

What starts out looking like another ripped-from-the-headlines story becomes much more complex, but it ends up being a great story poorly told. ANN HORNADAY

8 Big Momma's House 2

Martin Lawrence slaps on the big lady equipment (again) as an FBI agent posing undercover ... please tell me you've heard enough. DESSON THOMSON

9 When a Stranger Calls

In this insipid, witless remake of a seminal slasher flick, the focus is obsessively on the visuals, implicating 21st-century technology in the overall atmosphere of dread. ANN HORNADAY

10 Nanny McPhee

What should have been a romp about the fun — and the consequences — of defying authority actually proceeds with dutiful efficiency. DESSON THOMSON

Indies & Arties

At AFI Silver

Wave goodbye to the Otto Preminger Centennial celebration with a final screening of "Bunny Lake Is Missing" on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Walter Greaves' bizarre meta-film freakout "Symbiopsychotaxiplasm" also screens on Thursday, at 9 p.m.

➜ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6700.*

'Night Watch'

It can't be easy being a cop on the night watch in Moscow, where you've got to keep an eye on vampires, sorcerers and other fantasy baddies on streets that are lawless enough by day. Timur Bekmambetov's opulent horror flick is the biggest-grossing film in post-Soviet history.

➜ *Landmark E Street Cinemas, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri., 202-452-7672.*

'Portrait of a Lady Far Away'

Director Ali Mosaffa's debut film creates a compressed interior atmosphere as a phone call from a suicidal woman draws an aging architect into his own past.

➜ *Freer Gallery of Art, 12th Street and Independence Avenue SW; Fri., 7 p.m., Sun., 2 p.m., free; 202-633-4880.*

'Stolen'

Art theft in the National Gallery? Only on film, in the case of this 2005 documentary by Rebecca Dreyfus about the theft of several valuable and valued paintings from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. The director leads a discussion after the screening.

➜ *National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sun., 4:30 p.m., free; 202-842-6799.*

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1:20, 4:40, 6:50, 9:20
MATCH POINT (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 6:30, 9:00
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 1:50
CAPOTE (R) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
202-872-9555 711

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 5:30, 8:00
MANDERLAY (NR–NOT RATED) 4:45, 7:45
WHY WE FIGHT (PG13) 5:40, 8:30
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:30, 7:30
CAPOTE (R) 5:15, 8:15

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DATE MOVIE (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:15, 4:30, 7:05, 9:15
EIGHT BELOW (PG) ✓ 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
FREEDOMLAND (R) ✓ 12:15, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 12:20, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:25
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00
FIREWALL (PG13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:55, 7:00, 8:10, 9:20, 10:35
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DS CC 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 7:55, 10:05
ANNAPOLIS (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
THE MATADOR (R) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 8:00, 10:30
HOODWINKED (PG) 12:15, 2:30
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:25, 10:25
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:25, 4:35

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

DATE MOVIE (PG13) 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
FREEDOMLAND (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:10
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
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HOODWINKED (PG) 12:10, 2:25
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:25, 7:10

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

FREEDOMLAND (R) ✓ 2:40, 5:45, 8:25
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 3:00, 5:15, 7:30
FIREWALL (PG13) 3:10, 5:50, 8:15
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 2:50, 5:10, 7:50
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40
UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 8:30
MUNICH (R) 2:00, 5:20, 8:40
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 2:30, 5:40
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:10, 5:30, 8:00

AMC ACADEMY 8
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
703-998-4AMC

DATE MOVIE (PG13) 5:10, 7:40
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 4:30, 7:10
FREEDOMLAND (R) 4:40, 7:20
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 5:30, 7:40
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 5:20, 8:00
FIREWALL (PG13) 4:50, 7:30
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:40, 8:10
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 5:00, 7:50

LOEWS WHEATON PLAZA 11
Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University
901-949-9202 746

DATE MOVIE (PG13) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35
EIGHT BELOW (PG) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
FREEDOMLAND (R) 4:15, 7:10, 10:15
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) 5:45, 7:55, 10:00
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) 4:40, 8:00, 10:10
FIREWALL (PG13) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
SOMETHING NEW (PG13) 7:15, 9:40
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG13) 4:45, 7:35, 10:15
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG13) 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) 4:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 4:05, 7:00, 9:45

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8
8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:15
IMAGINE ME & YOU (R) 4:50, 10:10
MATCH POINT (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05
TRANSAMERICA (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45
MUNICH (R) 1:40, 5:10, 8:30
MUNICH (R) CC 1:40, 5:10, 8:30
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 1:50, 5:00, 8:20
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:00, 4:10, 7:15, 9:30
CAPOTE (R) 2:10, 7:40

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
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202-966-5400 713

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1245 410) 730 1010
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1215 115 230 445) 640 720 940
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 435) 725 1005
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1205 235 505) 735 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 1240 215 310 435 540) 810 945 1035
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1230 255 530) 800 1025
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1235 250 525) 755 1015
A GOOD WOMAN (PG) DIG (1220 240 515) 750 1020
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1200 225 455) 730 955
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1225 245 510) 740 1000
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (300) 950
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 430) 745 1030
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210) 700
OC & DA: DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (340) 900

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale ROLLING STONES (NR) ★
SECOND CHANCE (PG-13) DIG (1220 110 320 410) 730 805 1020
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1215 120 315 420) 645 720 945 1030
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1225 115 310 425 520) 715 740 930 1005
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1235 255 515) 725 935
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1230 250 510) 735 1010
THE NEW WORLD (PG-13) DIG (1210)
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 245) 650 955
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155 400) 710 1015
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1205 345) 705 1000
CAPOTE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (305) 655 1025

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (110 415) 720 1015
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (125 225 405 505) 645 745 920 1020
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 410) 715 1005
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 210 400 455) 655 800 930 1030
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (130 420) 730 1010
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (145 435) 700 935
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (140 430) 725 955
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (105 205 345 445) 650 750 925 1025
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (215 500) 735 1000
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (150 425) 710 950
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (120 355) 705 940

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1250 355) 720 1005
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (100 315) 700 940
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 340) 715 955
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (105 345) 710 1005
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (125 405) 725 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (110 325) 730 950
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (115 350) 655 925
MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 400) 735 1000
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 330) 645 935
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1240 335) 705 1010

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale ROLLING STONES (NR) ★
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (120 150 410 440) 700 730 945 1020
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1205 1240 230 300 450 520) 710 740 925 955
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1150 220 455) 720 940
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1245 305 525) 745 1005
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1250 310 530) 810 1030
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 430) 725 1010
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (155 420) 650 915
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1200 235 510)
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1155 225 500) 755 1025
UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (245) 750
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 1215 210 240 435 505) 705 735 930 1000
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1140 1210 215 445 515) 715 1005 1035
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 800
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1235 340) 645 950

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

EIGHT BELOW - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) DIG (120 420) 720 1020
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1140 1220 220 320 520) 620 820 920
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1145 1210 210 310 450 550) 730 830 1000 1040
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 445) 745 1025
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1150 150 250 430 530) 740 840 1010
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 200 300 440 540) 750 850 1030
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1200 130 230 410 510) 710 810 950
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1130 1245 145 315 415) 700 930
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1155 240 500) 800 1035
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG 650 910
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1230 330) 630 900
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (110 350) 655 915
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1135 140 400)
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 345) 715 1015
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1240 340) 640 940
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG 645 945

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DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1220 240 515) 735 1000
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 435) 720 1005
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (1200 230 505) 755 1035
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 220 445) 750 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1205 235 500) 730 1000
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1210 245 510) 740 1010
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1215 230 450) 710 945
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (1250 430) 705 940
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1200 225 455) 725 955
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 335) 655 955
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1225 330) 650 950

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 430) 720 1005
TRANSAMERICA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (135 420) 740 1010
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (125 340) 715 930
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 200 330 415) 645 730 920 955
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 700 1000
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (110 410) 710
THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN (PG-13) DIG (120 425) 725 1020
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (150 440) 705 950
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 350) 655 940
MATADOR (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1015

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1245 145 345 445) 700 745 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1205 130 230 400 450) 710 750 940 1020
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 410) 720 1015
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 400) 740 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 230 500) 730 950
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1215 115 245 350 510) 715 745 955 1015
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1200 1230 220 300 440 515) 700 740 930 1010
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1210 250 520) 800 1025
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG 655 950
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1250 340)
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (110 355) 650 930

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale ROLLING STONES (NR) ★
EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1230 130 330 430) 645 730 930 1015
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 745 1010
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 345) 715 1000
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (100 345) 715 950
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 500) 800 1015
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1230 130 430) 645 730 1010
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (145 415) 700 940
SOMETHING NEW (PG-13) DIG (115 445) 745 1005
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (115 400) 700 940
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (200 515)
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 815
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 800
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1245 400)
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (100 445) 815
OC & DA: PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (330) 930

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

EIGHT BELOW (PG) DIG (1135 1215 235 320) 650 720 930 1000
DATE MOVIE (PG-13) DIG (1230 100 250 310 455) 710 745 940 1015
FREEDOMLAND (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1155 230) 725 1010
FIREWALL (PG-13) DIG (105 335) 700 1020
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 400) 800 1025
THE PINK PANTHER (PG) DIG (1210 1240 225 255 450) 705 730 920 950
CURIOUS GEORGE (G) DIG (1130 1200 200 240 410) 735 955
WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (PG-13) DIG (1235 245 500) 750 1030
NANNY MCPHEE (PG) DIG (1150 215 435) 655
BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13) DIG (1255 325) 715 935
END OF THE SPEAR (PG-13) DIG 915
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➜THURSDAY

Apex: College Night with DJ Randy White, 9 p.m, free with college ID, $5 without.

Birchmere: Asleep at the Wheel, Annie Raines, Paul Rishell, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: My Life With the Thrill Kill Kult, Cylab, Mindless Faith, 8:30 p.m., $20.

Blues Alley: James Cotton, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

Clarice Smith Center: UM School of Music, Tracy Wiggins, 8 p.m., free.

Crossroads: GZA the Genius, DJ Muggs, 10 p.m., $20.

DC9: Unbuckled, The Hard Tomorrows, Olivia Mancini and the Housemates, DJ Leafblower, 9:30 p.m., $6.

Five: Latin party, DJ Chris, DJ Manny Fresh, DJ Ty-One, 10 p.m., $5.

Galaxy Hut: Andy Zipf, Mark Dignam, 9:45 p.m., $5.

Grace Episcopal Church: Theo Bleckmann (voice/loops) & John Hollenbeck (percussion), 8 p.m., $15.

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PUB OF FOOLS: Rootless people gather in a Bronx bar and exchange tales in John Patrick Shanley's laugh-filled but deeply serious "Savage in Limbo," now at the Clarice Smith Center.

Improv: Charlie Murphy, sold out.

Iota: Bobby Bare Jr., Janine Wilson, 9 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: The Violet Burning, Supercade, 8 p.m., $10 advance, $12.

Jaxx: Dark Tranquillity, The Devin Townsend Band, Cataclysmic Avatar, Fierce Allegiance, 6:30 p.m., $16 (advance), $18.

Kennedy Center: The Met Singers,

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venues

Alexandria Black History Museum: 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-1346.

Apex: 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

Asylum: 2471 18th St. NW; 202-319-9353.

Birchmere Music Hall: 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-549-7500.

Black Cat: 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

Blues Alley: 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

Bohemian Caverns: 2003 11th St. NW; 202-299-0800.

Clarice Smith Center: U. Maryland College Park; 301-405-2787.

Club Amazon: 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

Crossroads: 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

DAR Constitution Hall: 1776 D St. NW; 202-628-1776.

DC9: 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

Grace Church: 1041 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-7100.

Hylton Chapel: 14640 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge; 703-928-0645.

Five: 1214B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Fur: 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.

GMU, Center for the Arts: 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-993-8888.

Half Moon BBQ: 8235 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-585-1290.

Improv: 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008.

Iota Club & Café: 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: 227 Maple Ave., East Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

Lincoln Theater: 1215 U St. NW; 202-328-6000.

Nation: 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

Platinum: 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

Rhodeside Grill: 1836 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-243-0145.

State Theatre: 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

Strathmore: 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 301-581-5100.

Twins Jazz: 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

U-Turn: 11th & U St. NW; 202-299-9882.

Velvet Lounge: 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

Warehouse Next Door: 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

Warner Theatre: 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-4000

Wolf Trap: 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-255-1900.

Zanzibar: 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

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TheScene

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6 p.m, free. NSO, Leonard Slatkin, Midori, 7 p.m., $20-$79. Vijay Iyer, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., $25. Kirov Opera, Turandot, 7:30 p.m., $45-$200

Nation: Alchemy, Alias (club music), 8 p.m., $7, 2-for-1 entry before 10 p.m.

9:30 Club: The Fray, Cary Brothers, The Damnwells, 8:30 p.m., sold out.

Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs Qic-Silver, Smokey Joe, José. Free until 11 p.m. with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.

Rhodeside Grill: Comedy troupe the Late Night Players, benefit for hurricane victims, 7:30 p.m., $30.

State Theatre: Dada, The Alternate Routes, Bain Mattox, 7 p.m., $16.

Twins Jazz: The Kevin Robinson Ensemble, 8 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: The Ruse, 9 p.m., $6.

Warehouse Next Door: Metropolitan, The Earnes Era, Odiorne, 8:30 p.m., $7.

Warner Theatre: David Sanborn, Chris Botti, 8 p.m., $39-$62.50.

Zanzibar: Open mic, 7 p.m., free.

➜ FRIDAY

Asylum: Throwdown Syndicate, The Fallen One, Johnny 3 Legs, 9:30 p.m., $5.

Birchmere: Duncan Sheik, David Poe, Jim Boggia, 7:30 p.m., $19.50.

Black Cat: Stars, Magnet, 9:30 p.m., $12 (sold out). First Ladies DJ Collective dance night, 10 p.m., $5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: James Cotton, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

Bohemian Caverns: Perry Conticchio, 9:30 p.m., $15.

Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., $10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: Morgan Heritage, Bobby's Music Machine, Sprang International, The Aki Experience, Bob D-Wiz, Peter Humphries and the Oasis Band, 5 p.m., $25 in advance; crossroadsclub.com

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., $5.

Fur: Purple Ribbon All-Stars, 9:30 p.m., $20.

Galaxy Hut: Teen Beat Records 21st Anniversary party with Flin Flon, Dave Park, Stick Insect, William and Vivian, Phil Krauth, Latin Hustle, Evelyn Hurley, Mark Robinson, 8 p.m., $5.

Improv: Charlie Murphy, sold out.

Iota: Washington Social Club, Run Silent Run Deep, The Dance Party (CD release), 9:30 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Soliders of Jah Army, Jubeus, Just (CD release), 8 p.m., $15.

Jaxx: Girls Night Out, The Sikes, Eden Falling, Dreams in Fear, Brave, Dbauchery, 6:15 p.m., $10.

Kennedy Center: Cathy and Marcy's Country Music Jamboree, 7 p.m., $15. NSO Prelude, 6 p.m, free. Steve Turré's tribute to Rahsaan Roland Kirk, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., $25. NSO, Leonard Slatkin, conductor, Midori, violin, 8 p.m., $20-$79. Kirov Opera, Verdi's Requiem, 8:30 p.m., $45-$150.

Lincoln Theatre: Mike Brooks at Home and Off Da Hook!, the Comedy Mysfits, 9 p.m., $35-$50.

Nation: Mardi Gras with Micro, Swift, Scott Henry, 8 p.m., $10.

9:30 Club: DC101's Elliot in the Morning Presents the Dan Band, 9 p.m., sold out.

Platinum: DJ Alize, 9 p.m., $10 before 11 p.m with pass from platinumclubdc.com., $15 after 11 p.m.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Ken Hatfield Trio, 6 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: Lez Zeppelin, 7 p.m., $15.

Strathmore: Alasdair Fraser, Scottish Fiddler Master Class, 7:30 p.m., sold out.

Twins Jazz: Chris Bacas, Aaron Walker, Harry Appelman, 9 p.m. & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Science Fiction Idols, Saviors, Iron Head, 9 p.m., $8.

Warehouse Next Door: Common Enemy, The Goons, The Twats, Big Daddy Chrome, Like No Tomorrow, 8 p.m., $7.

Wolf Trap: Joyce Young, 8 p.m., $30.

Zanzibar: Casa Africa, live jazz, DJs Naem & Quicksilver, 5 p.m., free before 7 p.m., $10 before 10 p.m., $15 after 10 p.m.

➜ SATURDAY

Alexandria Black History Museum: Sandra Johnson, Vincent Evans, Wes Biles, Dohn Nunley, 5 p.m., $15.

Apex: Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., $8.

Asylum: Sakrid, Derivative, 9:30 p.m., $5

Birchmere: Richie Havens, Liz Carlisle, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: Bliss dance party with DJ Will Eastman, 9 p.m., $6 (backstage). SI*SE, The Rebirth, 9:30 p.m., $15.

Blues Alley: James Cotton, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

Bohemian Caverns: Jaques the Saxman Johnson, 9:30 p.m., $15.

Club Amazon: The L!ssen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: Barrington Levy, Strykers Posse, DJ Super Slice, Zone One, Bobby's Music Machine, 10 p.m., $25 in advance, crossroadsclub.com.

D.C. Jewish Community Center: Beyond the Book (CD release), 8:30 p.m., $12.

Fur: Sande Kleinberg, 10 p.m., $20.

Galaxy Hut: Haram, 9:45 p.m., $5.

George Mason University: Meredith Monk & Vocal Ensemble, 8 p.m., $20-$40

Half Moon BBQ: Billy Coulter, 9 p.m., $5.

Hylton Memorial Chapel: Shirley Caesar, the Kurt Carr Singers, 8 p.m., $18 (kids), $36.50 (advance), $42.50.

Improv: Charlie Murphy, sold out.

Iota: Middle Distance Runner, Black Tie Review, Telograph, 9:30 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Soliders of Jah Army, Mambo Sauce (album release party), 8 p.m., $15.

Jaxx: Localpalooza with Four Barrel, Rise from Ruin, Another Born Without, Shallow Deep, Alley Trip, Drive by Runaway, Scars of Your Demise, Sonic, Defiance, Vacant, No Remorse, Puppet, 2 p.m., $10.

Kennedy Center: Next Wave, 6 p.m, free. Kirov Opera, Turandot, 7:30 p.m., $45-$200. Cathy and Marcy's Country Music Jamboree, 1 & 3:30 p.m., $15. Steve Turre, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., $25. National Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin, Midori, 8 p.m., $20-$79. Left Band Concert Society, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Nation: Velvet Mardi Gras party with DJ Randy Bettis, 10 p.m., $8 before 11 p.m., $15 after 11 p.m.

9:30 Club: The Clarks, Michael Tolcher, 7 p.m., $15. Blowoff featuring Bob Mould, 10:30 p.m., $10.

Platinum: Party mix with DJ Gemini, DJ Smokey Joe, DJ Jose, 9 p.m., free until 11 p.m. with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.

Strathmore: National Philharmonic, Scheherazade, Saint-Saens, 8 p.m., kids under 17 free, $25-$80.

Twins Jazz: Chris Bacas, Aaron Walker, Harry Appelman, 9 p.m. & 11 p.m., $15.

U-Turn: Bleeder Resistor, Curbside Revenge, Brain Damage, 10 p.m., $5.

Velvet Lounge: Butros Butros, Outer Body Llama, Preston Clark, 9 p.m., $8.

Warehouse Next Door: The Catalyst, Pyramids, Mass Movement of the Moth, Dance Danse el Capitan, 8 p.m., $7.

Zanzibar: International dance party (R&B, hip-hop), 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m, $15 after 10 p.m.

➜ SUNDAY

Black Cat: Mason Jennings, Birdie Busch 8:30 p.m., $15

Blues Alley: John Abercrombie-Marc Copland Group, Drew Gress, Tony Martucci 8 & 10 p.m., $25.

Clarice Smith Center: UM School of Music, UM Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., free.

Crossroads: Luciano, Army NiyoRah Abja, Jason Steele, Andy G. (dancehall), 8 p.m., $25 in advance, crossroadsclub.com.

DAR Constitution Hall: Spyro Gyra, 3 p.m., free.

DC9: Sunday Showcase, Bilal Salaam, Muhsinah, W. Ellington Felton, Cool Cee Brown, Villain Style, 9:30 p.m., $10.

Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m.

Galaxy Hut: Erik Bradford, akshay narang, Second String & the B Team, 9:45 p.m., $5.

Improv: Charlie Murphy, sold out.

Iota: Monopoli, Spiraling, The Making,

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COURTESY PUBLIC EMILY

COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION: Ed Hamell calls himself Hamell on Trial and he has only himself to blame. The acerbic singer-songwriter tells stories, gives advice and attacks the world with such punk-folk venom that you worry about the guy's heart even though he's right about everything. Let the wave crush and exhilarate you at Jammin' Java on Sunday.

Friday in

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Make 'Em Laugh: Whoopi Goldeberg talks about her role as the voice of Ermintrude the cow in the animated film "Doogal." | *Cover*

➜ Also, resourceful ideas for kids' parties; at play at Play Lounge in Dupont; reviews of new movies.

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Eating Around

FESTIVALS

Andrés Again Dishes Up For Jaleo Paella Festival

It's time for rice, rice, baby! The local patron saint of Spanish cuisine, José Andrés, is once again offering his Paella Festival. It began on Feb. 20 and goes through March 5; events include a Paella Happy Hour, where guests get free paella sampling at all **JALEO** locations from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and a special paella menu. Paellas offered include vegetables, clams, cuttlefish and shrimp ($41); black rice with mushrooms and squid ($41); and paella with lobster and chicken ($46). KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

→ *480 7th St. NW; 202-628-7949 (Gallery Place-Chinatown); 2250-A Crystal Drive, Arlington; 703-413-8181 (Crystal City); and 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-913-0003 (Bethesda).*

MICHAEL ROBINSON-CHAVEZ/TWP

José Andrés, center, and his team are currently up to their eyeballs in paella.

SPICE OF LIFE

Fire and Rice Coming to Clarendon This March

After months of speculation as to when Anil Miglani would open his second **TANDOORI NIGHTS** restaurant, March 15 has been picked as the opening day for his new location in Clarendon. Miglani's wife Shivani will helm the kitchen as executive chef. **AGNI LOUNGE**, which is located off the main entrance, will feature small plates and creative cocktails. (Agni translates to "fire" in Hindi.) The first Tandoori Nights in Gaithersburg opened in 2001. While the new location will feature the same offerings, expect an expanded menu. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

→ *2800 Clarendon Blvd.; 703-248-8333. (Clarendon)*

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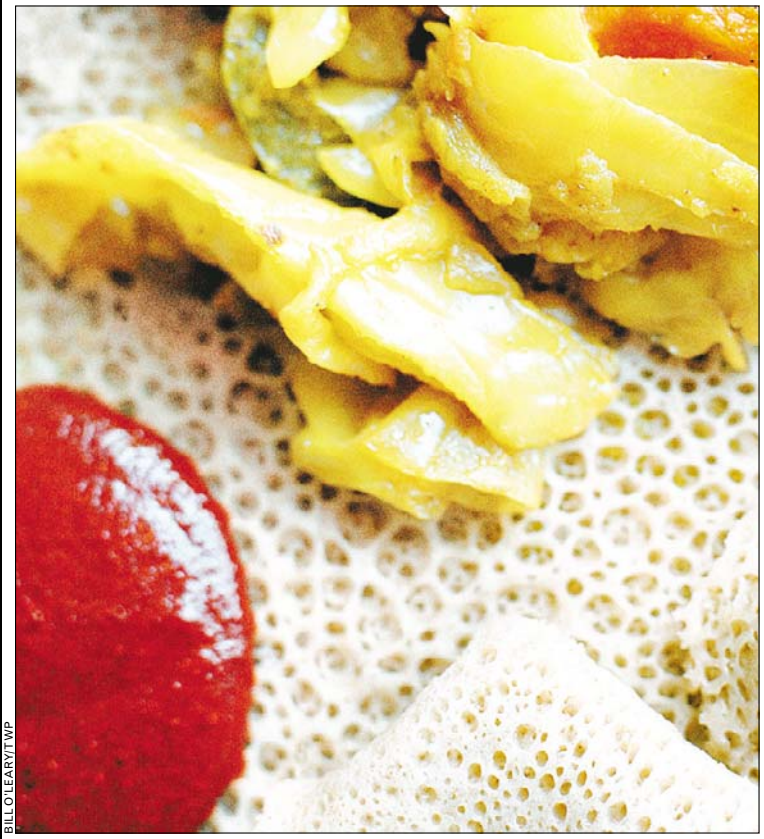

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

GET READY FOR INJERA: If you're in search of the District's best Ethiopian restaurants, try to get a table at Dukem or Etete, both located in the U Street corridor.

LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

What's the best Ethiopian in D.C. proper?
At the moment, Etete followed by Dukem.
➜ *Etete, 1942 9th St. NW; 202-232-7600. (U St.-Cardozo)*
➜ *Dukem, 1114-1118 U St. NW; 202-667-8735. (U St.-Cardozo)*

I'm meeting some friends at Filomena in Georgetown for dinner. I've never been and am wondering what to expect. Is it dress-up fancy?
It's kind of like dining inside a piñata, frankly. Filomena is the most over-dressed, over-decorated restaurant in the city.
➜ *1063 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-8800.*

What's the story with Jewish delis right now in D.C.?
The story is short, as in: Why can't we get a good one here?

So I assume that means Eli's is no good? I've been craving some matzoh ball soup and was thinking of checking it out.
Eli's can be good. It needs some serious competition, though.
➜ *1253 20th St. NW; 202-785-4314. (Dupont Circle)*

Some friends and I are going to run the St. Patrick's Day 10k on March 12, and wanted to see if you could recommend someplace for chow afterward. Keep in mind we'll be a little sweaty so someplace casual would be best. The finish line is the Ronald Reagan building so someplace close to that would be best.
What about Aria, which is in the Reagan complex?
➜ *1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-312-1250. (Federal Triangle)*

I recently dined at Fogo de Chão and I found the service to be impeccable and the food amazing. I will definitely be heading back. Are there any other restaurants with a similar gaucho theme in the area?
None that I know of. My experience with the staff at the new Brazilian steak house — from the hostess to the meat carvers to the managers — has been nothing short of terrific.
➜ *1101 Pennsylvania Ave NW; 202-347-4668. (Federal Triangle)*

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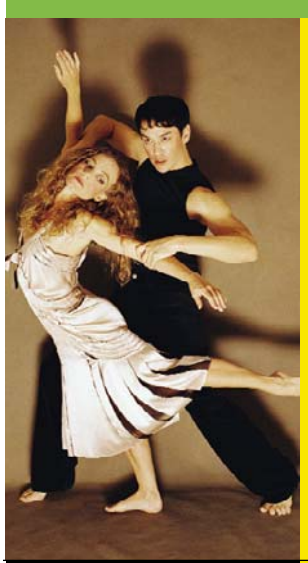

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LORI GRINKER

THE PRICE OF CONFLICT: A new art gallery opens on U Street this weekend. Project 4 introduces itself to D.C. with a 6 p.m. reception this Saturday for "Afterwar," Lori Grinker's unsentimental photographs of military veterans.

TheScene

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8:30 p.m., $10.

Jammin' Java: Stacey Earle, Mark Stuart, 7 p.m., $12. Hamell on Trial (CD release show), 9:30 p.m., $12.

Kennedy Center: Kirov Opera, Parsifal, 3 p.m., $45-$200. Noor Wodjouatt Ensemble, 6 p.m., free. Cathy and Marcy's Country Music Jamboree, 1 p.m., $15. National Symphony Orchestra Young Soloists' Competition, 7:30 p.m., free.

National Gallery of Art: Erika Ovette sings post-WWI jazz with the Larry Eanet Ensemble, 6 p.m., free.

9:30 Club: The Starting Line, Copeland, Gatsby's American Dream, Cartel, The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, 5 p.m., $18.

Platinum: DJ Alize, DJ Trini, DJ Superslice-Muzik Nashun (R&B, hip-hop), free until 11 p.m. with pass from platinumclubdc.com, $15 after 11 p.m.

Strathmore: Levine School of Music Student Recitals, 1 p.m, free.

Twins Jazz: Weekly jam session with the Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m.

Velvet Lounge: Rahim, Menugar, Barn Burning, 9 p.m., $8.

Warehouse Next Door: Antelope, Meneguar, Rahim, Recoupero, 8:30 p.m., $7.

Wolf Trap: BeauSoleil, Michael Doucet, 7:30 p.m., $22.

Sight

American University, Katzen Center: The work of the university's faculty, political cartoons by Ibero-American artists, more, through March 12. 4000 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-3634.

Conner Contemporary: Whippersnappers, gifted young artists including sculptor Fatima Hoang, video artist Annie Schap and Zach Storm, through March 11. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran: Warhol Legacy, through Feb. 20. Picturing the Banjo, through March 6. Sculptor Ronald Gonzalez's figures, made of organic material and found objects, evoke morality, decay and fading memories, through March 12. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Cultural Institute of Mexico: Strange New World, art and design from Tijuana., through April 22. Works from San Diego's Museum of Contemporary Art, through April 24. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

Curator's Office: Simon Gouverneur, paintings and previously unexhibited sketches by the abstract symbolist and Washingtonian, through March 4. 1515 14th St. NW, suite 201; 202-387-1008.

LAST CHANCE D.C. Arts Center: Time Markers, Bruce McKaig's time-lapse stills and pinhole photos, through Feb. 26. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint: "Assimilation/Dissolution," Jefferson Pinder, Christopher Hoeting and Jeffry Cudlin explore gentrification, through Feb. 25. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Shakespeare for children over the centuries, through May 13. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: New paintings by GMU professor Chawky Frenn, through March 8. 7700 E. Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

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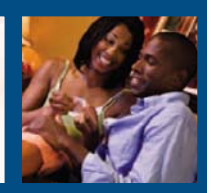

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Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Chawky Frenn's paintings, through March 10. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. 100 Years of the Book of Tea, through May 29. Whistler Paintings from the 1880s, ongoing. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

LAST CHANCE Gallery 10: Deus ex Machina — Myths and Machines, Mariah Josephy's sculptures and prints, through Feb. 25. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

George Mason University: "Collapse," sculpture by Ledelle Moe, through March 3 (Fine Arts Gallery). The Children of South Africa: The Way Forward, photos, through March 22 (Mason Hall Atrium Gallery). Fairfax campus, Braddock Road & Route 123; 703-993-8888.

Gateway: Aeromatic, Artomatic participants compete in a juried show, through April 3. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.

LAST CHANCE Goethe-Institut: The Art of Being German, young people's photos, through Feb. 28. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

LAST CHANCE Hemphill Fine Art: Katherine Sherwood's new abstract compositions. Arlene Shechet, Round and Round. A.J. Bocchino's color-coded New York Times' headlines, all through Feb. 25. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hirshhorn Museum: Hiraki Sawa's digital video works, through March 1. Directions — Jim Hodges, through April 1. Hiroshi Sugimoto, photographs in the Japanese artist's first career survey, through May 14. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE International Visions Gallery: Photos of "Mali, Beyond Timbuktu," through Feb. 25. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine Contemporary: Celebrity Photographs From the Warhol Factory Years, through March 31. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

LAST CHANCE Kathleen Ewing Gallery: Madame Yevonde's striking early-20th-century photos of London society women dressed as Greek and Roman goddesses, through Feb. 25. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Meadowlark Botanical Gardens: 4th Annual Meadowlark Nature Photography Expo, a juried exhibit. 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, VA; 703-255-3631 ext. 304, medowlarkgardens.org.

National Archives: The Way We Worked, photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

National Building Museum: Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through July 4. Cityscapes Revealed: Highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art: Monumental Sculpture in Florence: restored 15th-century works, through Feb. 26. Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, through Feb. 28. Audubon's Dream Realized, through March 26. Dada, a massive retrospective of the early-20th-century movement, through May 14. Cézanne in Provence, through May 7. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

SUNDAY ONLY National Gallery of Art, East Building Auditorium: The director of the Hague's Royal Picture Gallery Mauritshuis and a curator at the NGA speak about Frans van Mieris in conjunction with an exhibit of his work, 2 p.m., free, exhibit runs through May 21. Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Geographic Society: From Geisha to Diva: The Kimonos of Ichimaru, through April 23. Archipelago, photos of animal life in Hawaii, through May 29. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Library of Medicine: Visible Proofs: a display of forensic medicine that will appeal to "CSI" fans, through Feb. 26. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-594-5963.

National Museum of American History: Benjamin Franklin, artifacts and paintings, through April 17. Ray Charles, Celia Cruz, both through Sept. 4. More ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Ancient Columbian Gold, through April 9. Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway, through April 23. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Postmodern photography examining gender roles, through March 12. Last 11 Days, Sue Coe's charcoal drawings of her dying mother, through March 19. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

Phillips Collection: Paintings by Degas, Sickert and Toulouse-Lautrec illuminate the dialogue among 19th-century French and British artists, through May 14. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

Project 4: Afterwar: Some 24 photos of the effects of war, taken around the globe by Lori Grinker, through April 1. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340.

Spectrum Gallery: Oil on canvas and works on paper by Shahrzad Heyat Jallinous, through March 12. 1132 29th St. NW;

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Meredith Monk & Vocal Ensemble
Impermanence
Saturday, February 25 at 8 pm

After leading a workshop in a London hospice, Monk created *Impermanence*. Following a recent performance at Carnegie Hall, *The New York Times* praised her ensemble as "talented and beautifully prepared," her music possessed of "elegance… Her use of harmony soothes," and her work as containing "a gentleness that prodded the imagination."

Funded in part by the National Dance Project of the New England Foundation for the Arts, with lead funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Additional funding provided by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and The Ford Foundation.

Susan Marshall & Company
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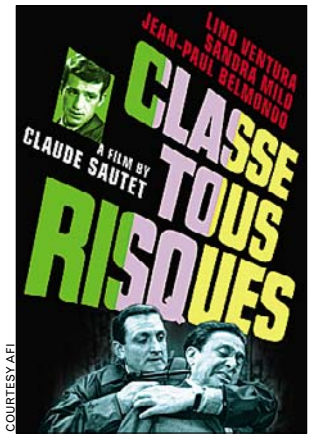

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IN THE 1960S, French filmmakers bitten by the noir bug adapted American hard-boiled action for their own purposes, putting it through a filter of existentialist philosophy. The resulting exercises in nihilism changed, in turn, the way American moviemakers thought about action. For one week, a freshly subtitled new print of one of the rarest and most long-reaching of those films comes to AFI Silver. In Claude Sautet's "Classe Tous Risques," a French gangster takes a huge risk indeed when he leaves his Italian hideout to meet his fate. Never heard of Sautet? John Woo has, and so has Jonathan Glazer and Michael Mann. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; opens Fri., through March 2; 301-495-6700.

TheScene

202-333-0954.

LAST CHANCE Textile Museum: Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia, through Feb. 26. Seldom Seen: Director's Choice From the Museum's Collections, through July 30. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Touchstone Gallery: 8th Annual All-Media Exhibition, through March 5. The Prisons Foundation, work of inmates, through March 5. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

Transformer Gallery: The Relationship Show: Corcoran grads Breck Brunson, Nilay Lawson and Solomon Sanchez explore the status of artists, through March 4. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

University of Maryland, University College: "Occupation," revealing and artistic photos taken by a Marine during his second tour of Iraq, through March 3. UMUC Inn and Conference Center, 3501 University Blvd., Adelphi, Md.; 800-888-8682, ext. 7937.

U.S. Botanic Garden: Simply Sublime: Orchids in an Art Deco Garden, through April 2. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

LAST CHANCE Washington Printmakers Gallery: Unscheduled Flight, monoprints and printed relief constructions by Bill Harris, through Feb. 26. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Washington Square: Sculpture Now: 2006, an exhibition of the Washington Sculptors Group juried by Sarah Tanguy, through May 5. 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-8696.

White-Meyer Gallery: The Library of Congress presents a children's book display with 80 well-known original illustrations, through April 30. 1624 Crescent Place. NW; 202-939-5568.

Stage

SATURDAY ONLY Any Space Is a Dance Place: The modern dancers of Dance Place and BosmaDance do their thing in an unusual space, 7 p.m., free. Gallery Plan B, 1530 14th St. NW; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

Awake and Sing!: A proud Jewish family struggles through the Great Depression, through March 5, $46-$56. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

The Bad Seed: In this classic thriller, parents begin to suspect that their daughter is a murderer, through March 19, $11-$15. Silver Spring Stage, Colesville Road & University Boulevard, Silver Spring; 301-593-6036, ssstage.org.

Boston Marriage: The Actors' Theatre of Washington presents David Mamet's Victorian-era wit-fest about a female couple, through March 19, $26.50. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 800-484-8497.

SATURDAY ONLY Chekhov Says Goodbye to Tolstoy: A young Mr. & Mrs. Chekhov visit the aging Tolstoys. Presented by Rockville Little Theater, performance benefits Croatia's 400-year-old Hvar theater, 8 p.m. Our Lady of Victory; 4835 MacArthur Blvd. NW 301-340-1417, rlt-online.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Choreographers' Showcase: 23rd annual event features contemporary dance pieces from six choreographers, $25, $7 (students); Clarice Smith Center, University of Maryland, University Boulevard & Stadium Drive, College Park; 301-405-2787, clarice smithcenter.umd.edu

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Clifford the Big Red Dog Live! For the children, $20-$40. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-4000, warnertheatre.com

LAST CHANCE Death of a Salesman: Arthur Miller's rumination on the American Dream and its collateral damage, through Feb. 25, $25. Church Street Theater, 1740 Church St. NW, 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

Dame Edna: The exravagant, and hilarious, alter ego of Australian performer Barry Humphries returns to torment her fans — with love, through March 5, $36-$71. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, nationaltheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh: Afro-Cuban and modern dance, $20-$50. American University's Greenberg Theater, 4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-885-2587, dakshina.org.

Death and the King's Horseman: Washington Shakespeare Company presents this play by Nobel Prize winner Wole Soyinka about a colonial officer's interference in a tribal suicide rite, through March 12, $22-$30. Clark St. Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 703-418-4808, washingtonshakespeare.org.

Don Juan: In Molière's version of the story, a scoundrel rails against societal convention and hypocrisy, through March 19, $14-$71. The Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-3230, shakespearetheatre.org.

The Dybbuk: The Tsikurishvilis present the Jewish text about ill-fated love, snobbery and exorcism, told through theater and dance, through March 19, $15-$50. Theater J, DCJCC, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-777-3229.

Fat Pig: A trim man falls for a corpulent woman in Neil LaBute's extremely popular social satire, through March 12, $32-$40. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Festival Internacional de Teatro Hispano: The festival continues this weekend with "No seré feliz, pero tengo marido," ("I Might not be Happy, but at Least I'm Married") a comedy about a long-term marriage featuring Uruguay's Graciela Rodriguez, festival runs through March 11, $25. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-548-3092, teatrodelaluna.org.

LAST CHANCE Fully Committed: A restaurant receptionist has to deal with irrational and demanding customers, egomanical bosses and his own life, through Feb. 26, $15-$24. Rep Stage, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; 410-772-4900, howardcc.edu/repstage.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Hansel and Gretel: The Washington National Opera performs a modern take on the fairy tale, 7 p.m., free. Inter-American Development Bank, 1330 New York Ave. NW; 202-295-2440, dc-opera.org.

The Heiress: A young New York woman in the 1850s is caught between a handsome suitor and her protective father, through March 15, $39. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Hip-Hop Anansi: An update of a Ghanian folk story about a trickster whose children come to his aid when he loses his powers, part of Imagination Stage's Deaf Access Program, through April 13, $10-$15. 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

This Lime Tree Bower: Three ne'er-do-wells in an Irish seaside town deliver monologues in Scena Theatre's adaptation of Connor McPherson's play, through March 19, $25-$30. Warehouse Theatre, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, scenatheatre.org

Measure for Measure: Shakespeare's comedy about the failings of those who police morality, through March 2, $25-$43. Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE Midwives: A midwife and her daughter look back at her criminal trial, through Feb. 26, $25-$50. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1099, roundhousetheatre.org.

Mistress: The Landless Acting Ensemble tells the stories of the great political paramours, incorporating music and dance, through March 5, $12-$18. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Nevermore: The premiere of a dark musical based on Poe's work and biography, through March 5, $39-$55. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-218-6500, sig-online.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Prison Poetry: Three men from different generations share a holding cell for a night in this award-winning play, $25. Lincoln Theatre. 1215 U St. NW; 202-328-6000, thelincolntheatre.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Reflecting Africa: The Soul in Motion Players, an African ensemble, performs dance, drums and spoken word for ages five and up, free. Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-773-9420.

Romeo & Juliet: Northeast D.C.'s new theater group, Company III.ii, performs their adaptation of Shakespeare's classic, through March 18, $5. Options Charter School, 1375 E. Street NE; 301-442-7973, companythreetwo.org.

El Rufian Castrucho: Carpio's "comedic romp" about bored Spanish soldiers in 16th century Italy, through March 19, $28-$32. GALA Theatre-Tivoli, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Savage in Limbo: Woolly Mammoth Theatre takes on John Patrick Shanley's rumination on the lives of five 32-year-olds, through Feb. 25, $20. Clarice Smith Center, U-Md. College Park, Route 193 & Stadium Drive; 301-405-2787, claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

LAST CHANCE The Story: Inspired by an incident Washingtonians will remember, African Continuum Theatre Company examines an ambitious reporter and her fabricated story, through Feb. 26, $25-$30; 202-399-7993, africancontinuumtheatre.com.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Turandot: The Kirov Opera and Orchestra perform Puccini's final opera, Feb. 23 & 25, $40-$200. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; 202-467-4600.

LAST CHANCE Trying: A poignant play about the last year of U.S. Attorney General Francis Biddle's life and his friendship with an aide, through Feb. 26, $25. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833, fordstheatre.org.

Two Queens, One Castle: A musical based on the true story of a marriage torn apart by a homosexual affair, through March 5, $35-$40. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 800-494-8497, metrostage.org.

The Velvet Sky: A "comic nightmare fantasy," about sleeplessness and parental fear, through March 5, $30-$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 641 D St. NW; 202-312-5261, woollymammoth.net.

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THURSDAY

The GZA is the steely calculating balance to other members of Wu-Tang Clan, who range from explosive to manic. Fresh off of smashing the house down at the 9:30 Club with the Wu, the Genius will be able to slow that show's sprint down to a gritty trudge when he's paired with Cypress Hill beatician DJ Muggas at **CROSSROADS** tonight.

FRIDAY

If you're a skeptic — heck, even if you aren't — you might think that a bunch of white kids playing reggae music as "Soldiers of Jah Army" might be ... not great. You'd be wrong. The group's recent album, "Get Wiser," is plenty groovy and funky, but most importantly, the band crafts memorable songs. By using some basic pop structures, SOJA attracts a fanbase that isn't just reggae die-hards. (It doesn't hurt that the band has been performing consistently for nearly a decade and has its own die-hards.) SOJA plays two shows at **JAMMIN' JAVA** this weekend.

Jenee can be considered the Caron Wheeler or Maysa Leak of Washington's soul scene. She was laying her powerful vocals over funk vamps when acid jazz was in vogue, fronting the band Congregation. Stints with go-go/R&B hybrid band Suttle Thoughts and left-of-center funksters Alternate Root have consistently kept her in front of appreciative audiences. She'll be trotting out some new material from her upcoming solo debut at **MIRRORS** tonight as the club kicks off its new Happy Hour Live series.

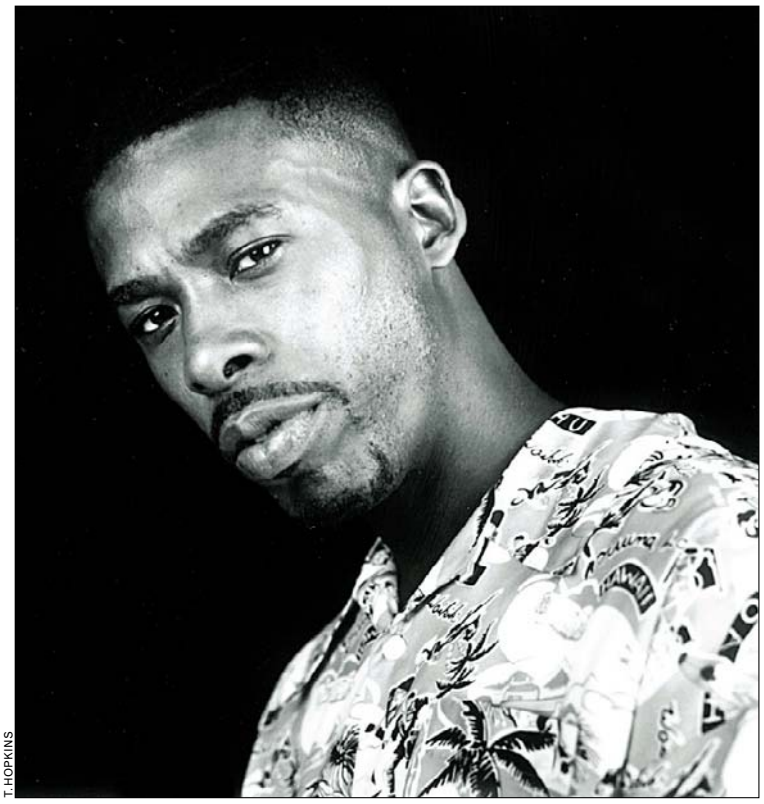
CECILIA'S, one of our perennial top suggestions for newbies who want to get their salsa on, is devoting its usual Friday night dance to charity tonight. Start with lessons at 7:30 and extend the evening with a dance competition and live music from Orquesta La Romana, one of the top live salsa acts. Proceeds go to the Washington Free Clinic, an agency that provides affordable medical care to underserved communities.

SATURDAY

Here are two ways to make a difference in the life of a child: Volunteer with Horton's Kids, a nonprofit that provides mentoring, tutoring and family services for at-risk youth, or donate some money to help them continue their work. We hope you'll do both and we'll tell you about a fundraiser tonight at **MCCXXIII**. From 7:30 to 9:30, a $40 tax-deductible donation gets you an open bar and a DJ. You'll also be able to talk to folks from Horton's Kids about the program. If you're interested, RSVP to eoksala@gmail.com.

Bassist Glenn Ellis and keyboardist Louie Oxley have powered Chuck Brown through scores of shows. Two years ago, though, both of them became seriously ill. Like many musicians who lack insurance, they were faced with medical costs beyond the reach of their incomes. Tonight, the Godfather is teaming up with smooth jazz impresario Marcus Johnson to raise money for Ellis and Oxley at **TAKOMA STATION**. All proceeds will be donated to the musicians' families.

Si*Se has been killing it in New York for years as part of a dance music scene that's based in soul and funk but borrows liberally from Latin America and the Caribbean. Tonight at the **BLACK CAT**, the group is paired with the Rebirth, darlings of a similar West Coast scene



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EXIT THE WU-TANG: Will the GZA wear a Hawaiian shirt Thursday at Crossroads?

LINDSAY LABELLA

JIHAD? Soldiers of Jah Army take a break from Ultimate Frisbee for a photo.

SUNDAY

DC9 used to be the location of Nyala, a nondescript cafe that served as an adjunct to Kaffa House and State of the Union for D.C.'s progressive hip-hop scene. Tonight brings things full circle, as some of the talents anchoring the scene appear. Cool Cee Brown, once a member of the Amphibians, performs his street poetry, a contrast to the jazz sensibilities of Bilal Salaam & Muhsinah's hip-hop and soul. W. Ellington Felton sits squarely in the center of the previous three, with a show that morphs from love songs to straight-ahead raps to free verse.

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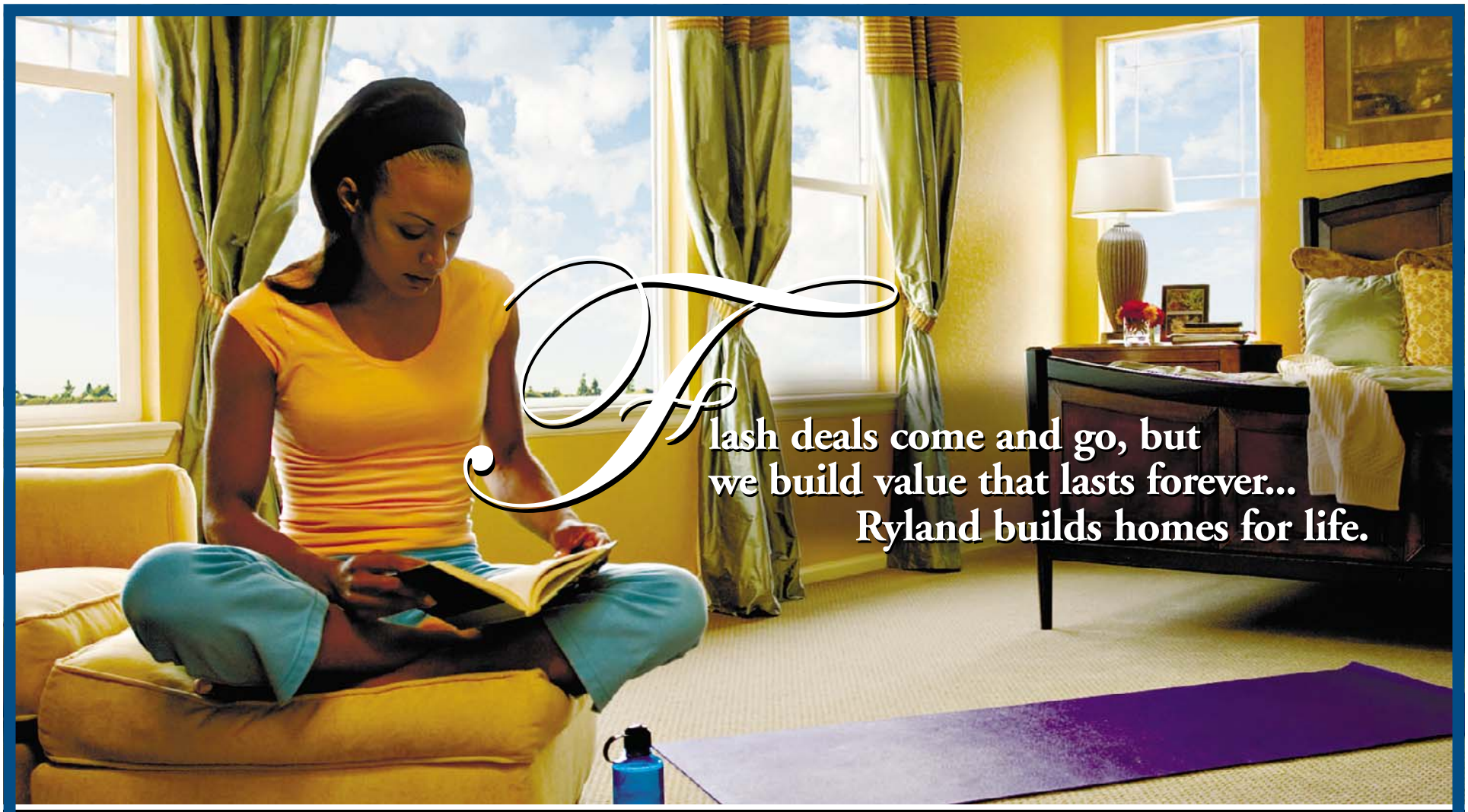

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